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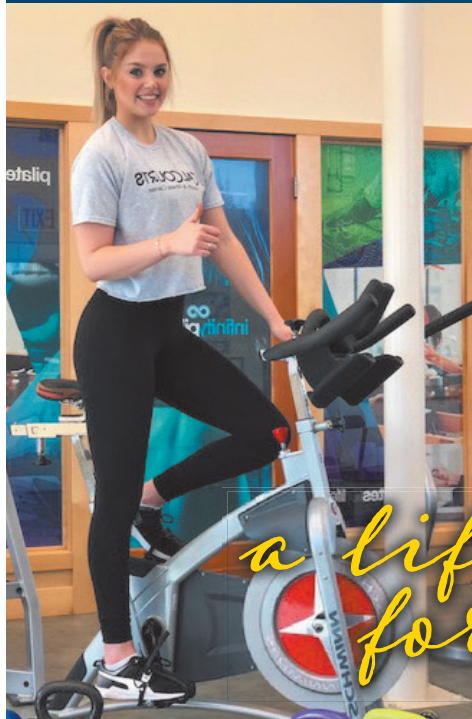


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The Grifter in Chief

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History will remember 2018 as the year it became increasingly clear that a grifter — and likely a felonious one — is living in the White House.

No matter what you think of tariffs, border walls and tax cuts, there should no longer be any illusions: What we're seeing isn't normal, or the product of some entrenched deep state, some Democrat-led conspiracy or a biased news media. No, what we're seeing is the result of a man — and a family — that repeatedly puts personal gain over all else, the rule of law be damned.

Amid all the speculation about Robert Mueller's probe into whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 election and whether he then obstructed justice, not to mention the daily barrage of tweets, it's easy to lose track of the fact that there has been an abundance of detailed reporting this year to show that everything Trump touches ends up bilked and it shouldn't be lost on anyone that the Trump Organization, the Donald J. Trump Foundation, the Trump presidential campaign, the Trump Inaugural Committee and Trump himself are all currently under investigation amid substantial and extensive allegations of wrongdoing.

And it bears noting that we know about all this because of dedicated reporting from the nation's news media. As we've noted, the national media is more fragmented and siloed than ever, with consumers in bubbles digesting news thinly disguised punditry as news. The constant, minute-by-minute news cycle also makes it hard for the general public to separate the information wheat from the chaff. Simply put, too much energy is expended breathlessly dissecting the latest perceived slight or distilling the day's news through the lens of the partisan horse race that our national politics has become.

As you read through our cover package of this year's Top 10 stories in Humboldt County, we encourage you to consider how each story relates to and has been shaped by the national discourse about the environment, immigration, healthcare and human rights. After all, we are all connected, despite how much some among us may make believe the Redwood Curtain is some impenetrable barrier.

And please keep in mind that good reporting is vital and, thankfully, something that still thrives, both locally and nationally. Back to Trump.

Reporters have uncovered extensive evidence that Trump's family committed exten-

sive fraud to dodge hundreds of millions of dollars in inheritance taxes from the estate of Trump's father, Fred Trump. The scheme, as detailed in the *New York Times*, included a shell company and systemic devaluation of properties through shady appraisals.

Reporters have also detailed how Trump used his charitable foundation as a piggy bank, the best evidence of which can be seen in its single smallest and largest donations: \$7 the foundation used to pay Donald Trump Jr.'s Boy Scout entry fee and \$264,231 gifted to the Central Park Conservancy to restore a fountain directly in front of Trump's Plaza Hotel, according to reporting in the *Washington Post*. The New York Attorney General's Office — which alleged the foundation engaged in a "shocking pattern of illegality" as, under a judge's supervision, it forced the foundation to dissolve — is also investigating the interplay between the foundation and the campaign, as Trump infamously used an Iowa campaign rally to hand out \$100,000 in oversized checks from the foundation to Iowa charities.

Also while on the campaign trail — you know, while he was repeatedly denying having any "deals" in Russia — we now know that Trump signed a letter of intent with a Russian firm that set the terms for Trump Tower Moscow, which included a \$4 million initial payment to Trump, who bore no upfront costs, and a percentage of profits over the life of the property, according to CNN. (We also know that, according to Trump's former personal lawyer, the Trump Organization discussed with a Russian official an offer to gift the property's \$50 million penthouse to Russian President Vladimir Putin if the tower got the government's OK, arguably a violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.)

But let's not get too far into those Russia weeds. Instead, let's look at that inaugural committee, which is also under criminal investigation. Trump's inauguration cost \$107 million, more than twice as much as President Barack Obama spent in 2009, which had previously held the inauspicious title of America's most expensive inauguration. The committee's tax filings leave more than \$40 million unaccounted for and federal investigators are now looking into how that money was spent. Unsurprisingly, it now looks like a sizeable chunk of it was shunted back into Trump's personal coffers. Emails obtained by *Politico* show that while many venues donated space for inauguration festivities, the Trump Organization tried to charge rents in excess of \$700,000. Additionally, *Politico's*

reporting showed the inauguration made sure folks brought in to work on the inauguration were put up at the hotel, where they ran up bills in excess of \$200,000.

And then there's Trump himself, who is now an unindicted co-conspirator in a felony campaign finance case. While some are tempted to smirk and dismiss Trump's allegedly directing his personal lawyer to channel hundreds of thousands of dollars in hush money payments through shell companies to two women alleging they had affairs with the then presidential candidate, it is a serious matter. If nothing else, if true, the allegations show that even on the cusp of ascending to the nation's highest office, Trump worked to keep voters in the dark while subverting the law and attempting to cover his tracks.

Now, none of this is a surprise to folks in New York and New Jersey, where shady Trump deals have been steady news fodder since the 1980s. It shouldn't even really be a surprise to those of us who followed the Trump University class-action lawsuits, which the president ultimately settled for \$25 million.

In recent weeks, amid the torrent of conspiracy theories that make up the president's Twitter feed, he's referred to a government witness as a "rat." Indeed, history will remember 2018 as the year the American people started to realize that if the president acts like a criminal and talks like a criminal, he's probably a criminal.

As a local detective recently described a bank robber to the *Journal*: "It's not guesswork. That's what he does." This is what Trump does. He's proven himself time and time again to be the type of man who, if you met him in the street and shook his hand, we'd encourage you to check your rings, watch and wallet afterward.

This isn't about politics. It's about the rule of law and the fact that there's a body of evidence — growing by the day — to indicate that the man living in the White House may belong in prison.

Here's hoping for a more just 2019.



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‘Housing Debacle’

Editor:
Terrific expose (“The Housing Games,” Dec. 13). Please do more collaborations with students! Sharing details of this crisis has now placed the burden firmly on the shoulders of our whole Humboldt County community.

Are there those among us who can see the future we are walking into if we don’t address this issue quickly? Many have arrived at the threshold.

A solution isn’t as difficult to implement as state, county and city and university government would have us believe. Visionaries and entrepreneurs use flexible, adaptable and open-minded thinking to accomplish their goals.

Just google tiny villages. A few hours drive from here we can see what other communities are planning and already living in!

There are numerous people in this county who have been trying to address the housing issue for seniors, students, families, low wage earners, homeless, single mothers, children, newlyweds, working people, professionals, veterans (get the picture?). Is it time to stop talking and start creating? (Recall Betty Chinn creating a tiny village with very little funding?) How can the roadblocks be removed?

My gratitude to all those working so hard to be heard on this issue. Feed, shelter, heal.

I wish I owned some land.
Renee’ Rawski, Eureka

Editor:
Thank you for the story, “The Housing Games.” The Area 1 Agency on Aging is extremely concerned about the housing shortage and its impact on seniors and anyone living on a fixed income. The current market is making it next to impossible for our constituents to find safe, affordable housing.

AIAA encourages homeowners to consider shared housing. There are many people in our county living alone in a home that is too big for their current lives. They are reluctant to move for a variety of reasons, including the lack of smaller, easily maintainable, accessible homes or condominiums in our area. As a result, their larger home is used primarily for storage rather than housing.

While it isn’t for everyone, sharing a home with a student or another older adult seeking housing can be a win-win for everyone. I know several people who have chosen this option. While it is true you don’t have 100 percent privacy, you also don’t have 100 percent isolation. The

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— Evy Couling

stories about people of different walks of life and generations living together and supporting each other make shared housing worth a serious look.

AIAA has partnered with Silvernest.com to provide a simple way to find the right person, but we need more homeowners to open their empty nest to others. Silvernest provides background screening and sample rental agreements and AIAA will assist seniors without computers to set up an account with Silvernest and start your search for the right roommate. We hope more people will consider this option as a small, yet powerful way to address our housing debacle.

Maggie Kraft, Eureka

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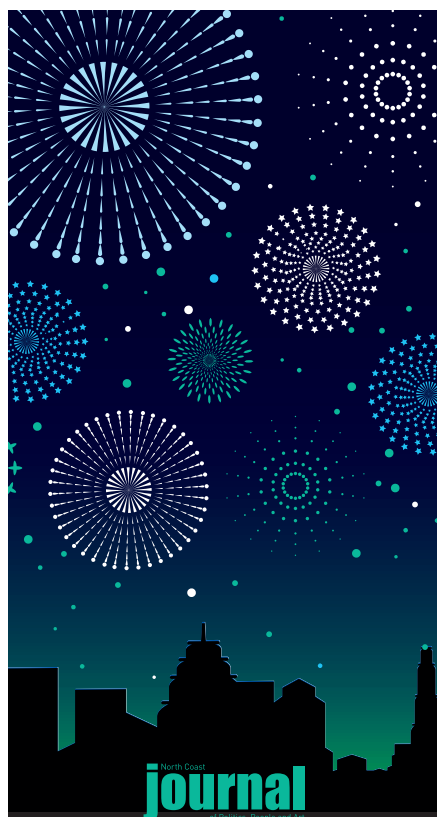
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'I'm the Monster'

After 21 years in prison, a Eureka
murderer is recommended for parole

By **Thadeus Greenson**

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Francine Schulman has forgiven the man who murdered her 14-year-old daughter and left her alone and bleeding on the South Jetty. In fact, it's taken nearly 25 years but Schulman says she now feels it is time for Thomas Jerome Dunaway to be released from state prison, where he's been held since June of 1997.

Schulman may soon get her wish as a parole board recommended last month that Dunaway be released from Mule Creek State Prison to become a free man for the first time in his adult life.

"When I went to the parole hearing, I felt it was time. It was time to forgive him," Schulman says. "I would rather the government release him. I want to get my life back. (Holding Dunaway in prison) will never bring back Amber. It will never change the trauma or prevent the changes that have thrown my family into the abyss. I just want to keep going forward."

Asked about Amber Slaughter, the eldest of her three daughters, Schulman smiles broadly.

"She was like a fluttering butterfly," she says, adding that Amber was the only of her daughters to get her curly, red hair. "She was like a mini-me."

Amber loved animals and raised pigs, ducks, geese, sheep and rabbits in 4-H. She often helped Schulman with her landscaping business and was good to her younger sisters, who were three and five years her junior. She was also bullied in school, which had a profound effect on her, Schulman says.

Around midnight on Jan. 23, 1994, Amber snuck out of her house and got into a car with three friends — Dunaway, who was 17 at the time, Thomas Winger and Abraham Gerving, then both 16. On several occasions, Amber had come over to Gerving's house, where she'd hang out with the three boys, who'd take turns having consensual sex with her, according to court testimony. The boys found out that Amber had told some people at school about their encounters and Winger was afraid word would get back

to his girlfriend. So that night in January, the three teenagers — all of whom were founding members of the Eureka Crips gang, with Dunaway having developed a reputation as the enforcer — decided to murder Amber. They picked her up from her parents' house and drove her down to the jetty where, on Dunaway's signal, Winger shot Amber in the back of the head without warning. (After reaching a plea deal with prosecutors and testifying against Winger and Dunaway, Gerving was paroled about halfway through a 16-year prison sentence. Winger died in prison.)

At Dunaway's parole hearing on Nov. 28, retired Assistant District Attorney Wes Keat called the killing "brutal," "senseless," "atrocious" and "planned." But the parole board's task that day wasn't to re-litigate the murder. It was to determine whether Dunaway — who was sentenced to serve 25 years to life in prison for a crime he committed while still a juvenile — still poses a danger to society. A year earlier, a different parole board had decided that he didn't — that, despite Schulman's pleas at the time to keep Dunaway in prison for the rest of his life, he had been rehabilitated — but Gov. Jerry Brown took the rare step of reversing its decision. Dunaway had remained violent in prison, Brown said, and didn't express sufficient remorse or insight into his actions.

On Nov. 28, answering questions from Presiding Parole Board Commissioner Michele Minor, Dunaway walked the parole board through his first 17 years of life, trying to explain what brought him to that moment he and his friends killed Amber and how he's worked in recent years to deconstruct his young psyche and gain control of his emotions.

Dunaway said he grew up in an abusive household. His father was a gang member who was in and out of prison. His stepdad beat his mother and his grandfather beat his stepdad. He told the board when he was a young kid, his grandfather would take him and his sister to the park, where he'd make Dunaway fight random children.

"He would point some kids out sometimes or he'd go out there and tell me to go get into a fight, 'Let me see what you got,'" Dunaway said. "And, uh, if I tried not to, he would beat me up in the car until I got out and went and fought ... if I won, then it was like we were friends and he was proud of me and he would reward me with like ice cream or McDonald's afterwards, and, uh, if I didn't do good, he would smack me around a little bit and belittle me and talk down to me."

Dunaway said he later learned that while he was out of the car fighting, his grandfather would molest his sister, for which he was later arrested and jailed. Dunaway said he was also molested by a neighbor when he was 9.

The family moved to Eureka when Dunaway was 14 and he told the parole board he was "angry," "insecure," "self-conscious," "impulsive" and "selfish." He said he craved respect and validation, and found both through committing acts of violence.

"I didn't have an identity that was based on anything other than being violent and being of worth to my friends that were also violent," Dunaway said, adding that the gang he formed filled emotional gaps in his life. "As dysfunctional and as ignorant as that sounds, we just — we formed something to where we felt we belonged, and we felt like we were a part of something, and we weren't alone in the world no more."

Even after entering prison, Dunaway said his mindset was unchanged. He fought regularly, trafficked in contraband and associated with gang members. It wasn't until 2009, when a fellow inmate he admired said they couldn't be friends anymore because of Dunaway's violent tendencies, that he set about bettering himself. Over the last nine years, he's participated in a variety of self-help programming, including substance abuse treatment, counseling and classes in victim awareness and anger management. He said he's come to realize he's spent much of his life seeking external validation with no regard for how his actions have impacted others. At one point, Minor asked him about Amber, about how the night of Jan. 23, 1994, must have felt from her perspective.

"I think about her being scared and feeling betrayed. ... We were supposed be her friends," Dunaway said, sobbing. "She needed acceptance. She needed friendship. She needed validation. She needed to be a part of something. She needed all — basically, the same things that we

needed, I believe ... and we took advantage of that."

Toward the end of the hearing, Minor tried to get to the heart of the board's decision. How can the board and the governor be sure Dunaway has taken responsibility for his actions, that he understands them and he would leave prison markedly different than when he was admitted 21 years ago?

"I didn't know how to change who I was," he said. "I thought I was stuck being that person. I thought that that's all I was destined to ever be was this scumbag white trash from a scumbag poor white trash family, and that was my identity, and since then I've developed an identity. I understand who I am. I understand that — that things I do such as ... being a 12-step counselor and mentor to other inmates, these things allow me to gain the self-worth I lacked all my life. They allow me a true sense of accomplishment and they make me feel good about myself and it shapes a good, positive, healthy identity that I never had as a kid, that I didn't have until I was 30-something years old. And I look back and I'm ashamed that it took me that long to develop it. I'm ashamed that it took me all those years to really understand how I impacted the Slaughter family, what I did to Amber, what I did to her sisters, her mother and her father, her grandparents, her cousins, what I did to their community, and I'm aware of what I did because I hear the words they say and their voice. I hear the words they say to describe what I did to them. I listen. I understand. I'm the monster."

Schulman says she believes Dunaway, that she feels the change in him. Working toward her masters in social work at Humboldt State University, Schulman is forming Broken Spirits Rising, a grief support group for those who have suffered the murder of a loved one, and is working as a specialist advocate intern with Victim Witness.

"What does it mean to forgive someone who has murdered your loved one?" she asks. "It has taken me a quarter of a century of process to get where I am."

On Nov. 28, after deliberating for about 20 minutes, the parole board recommended that Dunaway be released from prison. The decision will become final in February if not reversed by the governor. ●

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Former HSU Professor, Beirut Hostage Dies at 79

Alann Steen, a former Humboldt State University journalism professor who was catapulted into the international spotlight when he was held hostage in Beirut for nearly five years, has died. He was 79.

Steen, who also earned double master's degrees at HSU after a six-year stint in the U.S. Marines Corps, which included being briefly deployed outside of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, was living in Washington state at the time of his death.

According to an obituary by his family, Steen was surrounded by "his girls" who "loved him more than words can express" when he succumbed to cancer after a "short but heroic battle" on Dec. 13.

Steen departed HSU to teach at Chico State University before leaving to become a journalism professor at Beirut University College in 1983. He was kidnapped from the campus Jan. 24, 1987, with three of his colleagues before being released Dec. 3, 1991.

The father of three and grandfather of four was the "eighth longest-held Western hostage freed" in Lebanon at the time of his release, which was the result of "complex negotiations" done by United Nations that also included exchanges of prisoners held by Israel for Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon, according to a *New York Times* article.

In a December 1991 interview with the *Journal*, Steen said he never gave up hope during his captivity.

"No, I always thought that it couldn't last. Even at the beginning, that it couldn't last. We knew that the United States would make no concessions. They would

negotiate but make no concessions," Steen said, adding that he and his fellow prisoners all urged the U.S. government in letters not to make concessions. "It was never really upbeat but it was never really down."

Steen also described harsh conditions, including beatings, one of which occurred after he managed to escape his captors for a brief time by crawling through a bathroom window during his first year of captivity. He was quickly recaptured on a Beirut street — which he attributed to "bad luck" in the *Journal* interview — and as punishment he "was pretty well pummeled."

The injuries he suffered that night left him with "life-long medical consequences," according to his obituary.

Steen was also a world traveler, making solo kayak trips through Alaska and the Yukon Territory, with experiences like being struck by lightning and coming face-to-face with a grizzly bear generating stories for publications like *Outdoor Life*.

Steen returned to Humboldt County for the first time following his captivity on March 26, 1992, to present the Hadley Distinguished Lecture in community journalism at HSU.

During the talk, Steen spoke about the beauty of the Lebanese capital set on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and how he knew there was danger in going to the region but initially set those thoughts aside.

"Beirut was a fantastic city — the crossroads of the world. Even though it's in the midst of a war, there's a magnetism to it," Steen said. "Despite other kidnappings, including Terry Anderson and others, there was just the idea that this can't happen to



Alann Steen (right) with Herchel "Pete" Wilson at HSU in 1992.

Michael Harmon

me. But it did. Later, I thought, 'Maybe it was a mistake to come to Beirut.'

One of his former HSU colleagues described Steen as someone who seemed born for the world of journalism.

"Alann was a natural storyteller and a keen observer of everything around him, and that made him an excellent journalist and teacher," Mark Larson wrote in a remembrance. "It seemed like every time I saw him, he had a new publishing venture. We shared a love for outdoors adventures, and soon Alann was sharing stories of his trips backpacking and kayaking wild rivers in Alaska."

Steen is survived by his wife, Denise (Morris) Steen and three daughters: Alia, Jackie Scardino and Becky Monday (the latter two with his first wife, Marilyn Steen), all of whom were with him when he died. He was preceded in death by Alia's mother, Virginia Rose Steen.

Editor's note: Former HSU journalism professor Mark Larson contributed to this story.

—Kimberly Wear

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Water Woes in Miranda: Miranda residents were being asked to conserve water Dec. 22 due to a severe leak impacting the system that left some homes without water. A 6-inch main line broke south of town, according to water district board member Kathy Eldridge, who directed people in need of water to the Miranda Market, telling them to pick up a gallon or two and to leave their names with the store clerk.

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Home Invasion Closes 101: U.S. Highway 101 was shut down in both directions in Mendocino County on Dec. 21 amid a police standoff. Police were responding to a home invasion robbery report near Island Mountain and located one of the suspects in a vehicle on U.S. Highway 101 just south of Laytonville. The suspect reportedly refused to exit the vehicle, prompting a standoff. He was ultimately arrested at the scene, though a second suspect remains at large. POSTED 12.21.18

Crab Delayed: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife announced Dec. 21 that the already delayed start of the North Coast's commercial Dungeness crab season will be delayed some more. Quality tests scheduled that week had to be canceled due to rough ocean conditions, prompting the department to push the season's start to Jan. 15. The department also continues to test for domoic acid and warns a positive test in the coming weeks could trigger further delays.

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Farm Bill Caps Historic Year for Cannabis

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You may have missed it among headlines about the looming government shutdown and plunging stock markets, but when President Donald Trump signed the 2018 Farm Bill on Dec. 21, he officially removed hemp from the Controlled Substances Act.

The legislation, pushed hard by Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), officially distinguishes hemp from marijuana, its psychotropic cousin, defining industrial hemp as a cannabis plant with no more than 0.3 percent THC content on a dry-weight basis. It changes hemp from a controlled substance to an agricultural commodity, making it legal to grow, sell and transport throughout the country. The legislation also carves cannabidiol (CBD) out of the Controlled Substances Act, paving the way for a raft of new studies on the compound, which has been linked to a host of wellness claims.

There is a catch, however, in that the FDA has announced that it still considers CBD a drug and therefore an illegal ingredient in food and other products unless approved by the administration.

Still, the Farm Bill has some in financial circles predicting big things from the CBD industry, with the cannabis research firm Brightfield Group predicting CBD sales will grow 40-fold by 2022. The thinking is that the new federal classification will open up new markets for CBD products, while allowing production to skyrocket with the decriminalization of industrial hemp.

Even before the Farm Bill, production of industrial hemp has been on the rise. In 2017, 19 states utilized a variety of legal exceptions to grow 25,000 acres of industrial hemp, a 163 percent increase from 2016. Industry experts predict that number will balloon in 2019.

But it won't be an all out free-for-all. States and the federal government will still have oversight over hemp cultivation, with states required to submit their programs for monitoring cultivation to the USDA for approval.

What this means for the larger cannabis industry remains unclear. The bill is narrowly tailored and doesn't apply to all CBD products, just those that contain CBD derived from legally produced industrial hemp, meaning those derived from marijuana will remain federally illegal, even if produced in states with recre-

ational and medical laws on the books. This leaves producers who have been making CBD products legally in California on the outside of the newly legal national market unless they switch to using industrial hemp.

The Farm Bill puts a cap on 2018, which proved a banner year for cannabis.

Canada legalized recreational weed. Missouri, Oklahoma and Utah passed medical cannabis laws, while Vermont became the first state to approve recreational pot through the legislative process. Michigan voters also approved a recreational-use ballot measure. Meanwhile, a series of polls showed that for the first time a majority of Republicans support federal legalization in the United States.

The federal Food and Drug Administration approved Epidiolex for treatment of childhood-onset epilepsy, making it the first cannabis-derived drug to get the feds' approval. Canopy Growth, meanwhile, became the first cannabis stock to list on the New York Stock Exchange as worldwide investment in cannabis-related companies quadrupled to \$13.8 billion, according to *Forbes*.

California, meanwhile, continues its slow rollout of cannabis regulations. With the New Year, a new phase of laboratory testing requirements will kick in, forcing businesses to test for heavy metals and toxins created by mold before they can legally sell their products.

While the new requirements add another layer of consumer protections, some in the industry warn they will increase testing costs by 40 to 55 percent — added expenses that could be passed on to consumers. Additionally, some worry they will worsen the existing bottleneck at the 43 state-licensed testing labs.

But the new phase of testing comes with some wiggle room, as dispensaries will still be allowed to sell cannabis and products harvested or manufactured before Dec. 31. ●

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The North Coast's most impactful stories of 2018

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A new year should be seen as a time of hope, a chance to pause, reflect and to set our sights on becoming better people and a better community. When we look back on 2018, we recall times of intense division — we squabbled over land uses, political campaigns, recovery services and criminal justice. There have also been triumphs, moments of unity and forward progress. These themes are all evident here in our list of 2018's most impactful stories. It wasn't an easy list to cull down and there were plenty of worthy topics — massive changes to Humboldt County's judicial bench, the tantalizing promise of offshore wind energy and Eureka's monumental steps toward returning Indian Island to the Wiyot Tribe, just to name a few. So as you read our list, reflect on 2018 and tell us what we missed. A decade or two from now, how will you remember 2018 in Humboldt County?



Legalization Arrives

The day Humboldt County has long hoped for and feared came Jan. 1, 2018, when for the first time people over the age of 21 could legally buy cannabis for recreational use. There was a jovial atmosphere in Eureka's Old Town as a line began forming in front of EcoCann — the only local dispensary that was poised to operate New Year's Day — two hours before the doors were set to open. History will remember Laura Montagna as Humboldt County's first legal recreational weed customer, which is a bit ironic, as she doesn't even smoke. She told the *Journal* she just thought it would be "historic and cool" to buy Humboldt's first legal bag. Dispensaries throughout the county have been humming ever since, doling out buds, concentrates and edibles with little more fanfare than your local liquor store.

But legalization has also brought significant impacts. Local farmers are struggling to make ends meet in the face of steep compliance costs, state and local taxes, testing and distribution fees, and state-wide market forces. Margins for those still operating on the black market, meanwhile, continue to decline as per-pound prices continue their freefall. While there has been a boost in legal cannabis industry employment, the consensus is legalization is hitting the local economy hard. Some businesses have shuttered and many more report they're struggling to remain open amid declining sales and sluggish traffic. The local industry has also seen some hefty, targeted investment, with outside companies dumping millions into purchases or partnerships with North Coast cannabis farmers and manufacturers.

The North Coast's cannabis culture is also shifting as the industry continues to step out of the black market shadows, with even the Eureka-Humboldt Visitor's Bureau beginning to market the county as a cannatourism destination.

Where this road leads remains unclear. But whether we look back on legalization as the beginning of another economic bust cycle for Humboldt County or the moment when a legal, sustainable eco-

nomic driver took root, we'll likely look back on 2018 as the year when everything changed.



Coastal Crisis

First there was an outbreak of toxic algae off Sonoma County in 2011. Then, two years later, sea stars up and down the coast suddenly began dying from a mysterious wasting disease, opening the door for sea urchins — now free of their main predator — to lay waste to the region's rocky reefs.

Amid these already shaky conditions, the so-called "warm blob" descended on the scene in 2014, heating up the region's normally chilly ocean waters. The "Godzilla" El Nino followed in its wake.

Put together, this series of climatic events produced what scientists have described as a "perfect storm" that, in just a few short years, wracked havoc on the ocean environment, leaving bull kelp forests across the region decimated and, in turn, the abalone to starve.

This rapid decline of the abalone stocks led to last year's unprecedented decision by the California Fish and Game Commission to shut down the recreational season for a year.

Earlier this month, with no signs of a rebound on the horizon, that closure was extended to 2021, leaving coastal communities like Fort Bragg — which depend on the recreation divers who traditionally made annual pilgrimages to their shores — facing economic losses of an estimated \$26 million, with up to 250 jobs on the line.

While there are a few bright spots, like Humboldt's own Trinidad Bay, where kelp and abalone — at least so far — appear to be holding steady, the plight of the abalone is just one of the fisheries causing worry.

The commercial Dungeness crab season has once again been postponed, this year due to a lack of heft in the local crustaceans, and local salmon runs have also been poor recently, with the Yurok Tribe canceling its commercial season for the third year in a row, a decision the tribe

described as “devastating to the Yurok people, who depend on fall Chinook salmon for financial security, subsistence and ceremony.”



Countdown on McKinley

Exactly 118 years after President William McKinley was elected to his second term in office, the voters of Arcata cast their ballots against an effort to keep a monument of his likeness in the city's plaza.

The last Civil War veteran to serve as commander in chief, McKinley would be assassinated less than a year after his reelection in 1901, which led Arcata farmer George Zehndner to commission the statue for his city, the first major work by renowned Armenian sculptor Haig Patigian.

Zehndner paid \$15,000 for his homage to the nation's 25th president, whom he reportedly revered, a sentiment apparently cemented after he saw McKinley when the president visited San Jose shortly before his death.

Over the years, there has been debate, often heated, about whether the bronze work was an appropriate fit for such a prominent placement in the city. But a recent removal effort gained momentum in 2018 amid a backdrop of other cities across the nation grappling with how to confront bleak chapters of the past represented by historic landmarks still standing in the present.

The McKinley statue debate culminated in a contentious and at times combative February meeting when a majority of city council members voted that it was time for the monument that had barely survived the Great San Francisco earthquake of 1906 to be removed from the plaza's center.

Councilmember Michael Winkler was on the lone end of the 4-1 vote that night and later caused some controversy of his own by penning an open letter to then Mayor Sofia Pereira, writing that he was “appalled by the lynch mob/vigilante atmosphere” and the “extreme self-righteousness and harassment and intolerance

for people expressing an unpopular point of view.”

At one point, Councilmember Susan Ornelas threw a wrench into the process by putting forward — then rescinding — a proposal to put the matter to a public vote after yet another quarrelsome meeting in the still raw aftermath of the February vote.

In response, Measure M was brought forward via the citizen initiative process and sought to block the move by asking voters to decide whether to prohibit the city from allowing the “modification, destruction, relocation” of McKinley's statue or its base from the plaza center.

But the initiative fell flat on Election Night, with 68 percent of those who cast a ballot voting against changing course on the council's decision.

Now, because the McKinley statue is listed as a historic feature of the plaza in the Arcata General Plan, an environmental review is underway for the removal, which is expected to begin in 2019.



Seeking Sanctuary

Like many across the nation who were aghast to see the American government separating children from their parents at the border, many of whom were seeking asylum from dangerous conditions in Central America, Humboldt County residents took to the streets this summer in protest.

The diverse group stretched the better part of three blocks as it made its way through Eureka's Old Town in a peaceful pushback to the Trump administration's policy, demanding that families be reunited.

For some in the crowd, the issue was intensely personal.

At the time, Claudia Portillo — a 33-year-old mother of four American-born children who had been brought to the U.S. from El Salvador when she was a young girl — was being detained, taken into custody by immigration officials after showing up for a regular check-in in San Francisco.

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There was a time she would not have been on ICE's radar, let alone locked up for seven months until her community was able to raise the \$12,000 bond set by an immigration judge.

While Portillo was finally allowed to return home to her children, the youngest of whom was 6, after missing Christmas, birthdays, her eldest daughter's high school graduation, the detainment had already taken a devastating toll on the family.

All of her savings had gone to maintaining the family's bills but, more than anything, the strong maternal bond she had with her children had been irrevocably frayed.

"I was living a perfect life," Portillo told the *Journal* in July. "My girls were living a perfect life and we were doing so good. I mean, I'm not going to tell you it was perfect-perfect but we really were doing good. And then this happened and I can't just sit here and blame anyone else but the system."

But residents of Humboldt County didn't stop with a march when it came to issues of immigration.

In November, Measure K was approved by 55 percent of voters, making Humboldt a "sanctuary" county, barring county employees from coordinating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in almost all cases despite dire predictions of what such an effort would cost.

While most of the 2,500 children taken from their parents at the border have been reunited, the federal government was partially shut down amid a standoff over funding Trump's border wall as the *Journal* went to press, ensuring the immigration debate will continue into 2019 and beyond.



Justice for Josiah

Ever since he was stabbed to death at an off campus party April 14, 2017, 19-year-old Humboldt State University sophomore David Josiah Lawson's story has commanded Arcata's attention.

As 2018 began, frustrations were mounting in the community as there

were few outward signs the Arcata Police Department's investigation into Lawson's death was progressing. Pressure increased with monthly vigils and protests as the anniversary of Lawson's death loomed.

On April 9, Tom Parker, a retired FBI agent the city had brought in to consult on the murder investigation, stepped down, telling the *Journal* that APD had lied to him about the investigation and was disregarding his advice. Less than 24 hours later, Police Chief Tom Chapman resigned without notice. Within a week, Lawson's mother, Charmaine Lawson, had filed a claim for damages against the city, alleging APD had botched the investigation into her son's slaying.

In August, protesters filled city council chambers, promising to disrupt the city's meetings and prevent the council from carrying out other city business until progress was made in the homicide investigation. After a pair of meetings were adjourned early, APD Interim Chief Richard Ehle told assembled protesters that APD was making steady progress on the investigation, having allocated additional resources and brought in outside investigators to aid the probe. In fact, Ehle said, he expected to have the case ready to turn over to the district attorney's office within a couple of months.

In November, APD officially submitted the case to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for review, with Ehle telling the *Journal* the investigation had found "unequivocal physical evidence" that linked a specific suspect to Lawson's death. As 2018 came to a close, District Attorney Maggie Fleming was still reviewing the case file in an effort to determine whether to file criminal charges, all but ensuring Lawson's killing and its aftermath will remain focal points in 2019.



The Sentencing of Marci Kitchen

The 14-year-old girls had been dead for more than two years when Marci Kitchen stood before Judge Kaleb Cockrum in

September and was sentenced to eight years in prison for killing her daughter Kiya Kitchen and her daughter's friend Faith Tsarnas.

It was the middle term she could have received for fleeing the scene after striking the teens from behind while they skate-boarded down Eel River Drive on July 12, 2016. Tsarnas died at the Fortuna crash site and Kiya Kitchen's death followed a day later at a Bay Area hospital where she had been flown for treatment of her extensive injuries.

Kitchen's attorney had asked the judge for probation in the case, while the prosecution asked for what the district attorney's office calculated to be the maximum possible term, 11 years and four months, after Kitchen surprised everyone by pleading guilty as charged as her trial approached.

Many in the community were incensed that a mother could not only leave two fatally injured girls alone on the roadside but then spend the ensuing 24 months out of jail while her case wound its way through the judicial system due to numerous delays.

Before learning the term she would face, Kitchen first heard about the anger and grief carried by the girls' friends and family and the devastation they felt upon hearing the news of what had happened on that summer's night.

Those included her son, Kiya's older brother Jevin Kitchen, who told the court that he not only lost a sister that night, he also lost his mother.

"I don't want her to be part of my life in any way, shape or form," he told Cockrum, not looking in his mother's direction as she sobbed. "Every time I hear her name or see her picture, it hurts my soul."



Divisions Widen in Eureka

Eureka had itself quite a year in 2018. On the one hand, the "Queen City of the Ulti-

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mate West” took some steps to give itself a bit of a makeover — nothing major, just a bit of blush and eye shadow. First, the city launched its Eureka Box Art program, which gave artists \$500 apiece to refashion utility boxes throughout town into mini murals. While the program has transformed scores of boxes from street-side eyesores into pieces of art ranging from whimsical to beautiful, it was not entirely without controversy, as one business

owner pitched a fit about the design of a box near her spa, igniting widespread backlash. (The box was ultimately whitewashed and repainted as an homage to Bigfoot, while the original design was replicated elsewhere.)

On a larger scale, the city held its first Street Art Festival, which saw more than 20 local and visiting artists spend a week transforming bland walls along Old Town’s Opera Alley (plus another on Fifth Street)

into vibrant murals.

But amid the city’s innovative attempts to beautify, a nasty controversy broke out surrounding a particular type of litter — used syringes. Fed up with finding the refuse from the city’s growing heroin and methamphetamine epidemics in rain gutters, parks and public bathrooms, some placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR), a nonprofit

that offers needle exchange service within the city.

The conversation around HACHR turned downright toxic, with threats of violence and misinformation bouncing around social media. The issue came to a head in city hall July 17, when members of the city council openly questioned whether the city could continue to work with the nonprofit, which had become the most hated entity within city limits in

Top 10 Dick Moves of 2018

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

Listen, it has been a year. You’d think the dick moves on the national stage would overshadow us but not so. Looking back on 2018, we saw a bevy of folks making classic dick moves — selfishly and flagrantly doing wrong because, well, they could — running the gamut from racism to bad manners with a strong showing in screwing over Humboldt’s flora and fauna. Peruse this year’s cavalcade of bullshit and let us know if we’ve missed somebody.

10 If this list of bad behavior teaches you nothing else, remember to call your mom. *The Bachelor* contestant **Bekah Martinez** landed herself on the California Department of Justice’s list of missing persons (and our cover story “The Humboldt 35,” Feb. 1) when her mother, who’d last heard Martinez was in Humboldt, couldn’t reach her for five days. You might recall a *Journal* reader spotted and ID’d her photo. Take a social media cleanse, screen your calls. But don’t scare your mother or waste police time. It’s a dick move.

9 **Stealing a goat** is for football teams and practitioners of black magic. We doubt either climbed up and stole the iconic fellow who overlooked the entrance to Richards’ Goat Tavern and Tea Room. Goat statues don’t have a lot of street value and wrenching the thing off a roof is going a bit far in revenge for getting too much vermouth in your Martini. So our best theory as to motive is sheer dickery. (But if it turns out to be witches, we’re cool, right? We’re not trying to get hexed over here.)

8 Is the KINS Telephone Opinion Poll trolling us? On April 3, the question of the day read, “Recently, *Newsweek* published results of a poll stating roughly 20 percent of Americans viewed interracial marriages as ‘morally wrong.’ Do you support interracial marriages?” Listeners who picked up actual phones to respond saw that miserable, ass-backward 20 percent and said, “Hold my beer.” In an ensemble dick move, **34 percent of KINS poll respondents** came out against interracial marriage to beat the national number. Sidenote: You are terrible people.

7 Ugh. Two weeks after the Arcata City Council voted to remove the statue of President McKinley on the plaza, Councilmember **Susan Ornelas** (who’d voted for removal) suggested the fate of the figure go to a citywide vote. Then, after another fortnight of heated debate and hours of public comment we’ll never get back, she dropped the whole thing, preferring to “just forget this” and move forward with the original decision. You’re killing us, Susan.

6 Speaking of anonymous misdeeds, an as yet **unidentified NCJ employee** has been leaving a shotglass worth of coffee in the pot to simmer and burn down to a black film of brimstone instead of brewing a new one or — gasp — washing the pot. Not cool, man. Or woman. Caffeine is vital news fuel and we will not see it so disrespected. End this madness before you are caught, for our justice will be swift and petty.

5 A trio of **succulent thieves** plucked plants from public lands to sell in

Asia, only to be busted and sentenced in June. The Instagram trendiness of succulents just makes this eco-criminal venture that much dickier. Word to the wise: Buy your native plants like everybody else.

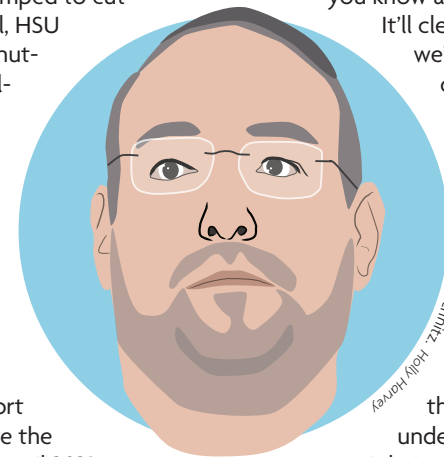
4 The **Humboldt State University** football players and fans weren’t the only ones who got dumped to cut costs this year. In April, HSU announced it would shutter its Third Street Gallery, an anchor of the local art scene and a popular stop on Arts Alive! nights since 1998 that also served as hands-on training for the university’s gallery practice certification. Community members wrote letters of support to no avail and, despite the gallery’s lease running until 2021, there’ll be no more shows in the space. Just empty walls and the echoes of an administrative dick move.

3 A walk through our majestic redwoods inspired some **trash burl thieves** to take chainsaws to the base of ancient trees and hack away the valuable wood to make a buck, leaving the tree to suffer potential disease and infection, while interrupting the delicate process of reproduction. It’s not a crime unique to this year, sadly, but it bears saying: All of nature and future generations of humans look upon the thieves in judgement for this dick move. We hope their reproductive processes are likewise thwarted.

2 Dick moves were afoot in Blue Lake earlier this month, where California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers discovered **elk poachers** had shot four female Roosevelt elk outside of permitted hunting season, including a pregnant one. Off the charts dickish. You know what’s not a dick move? Calling (888) 334-2258 if you know anything about the crime. It’ll clear your conscience (hey, we’ve all got dick moves in our ledgers). And I’ll buy you a cookie.

1 Just when you thought he’d slunk off our list, **Shlomo Rechnitz**, the billionaire owner of Brios Healthcare and the four Humboldt skilled nursing facilities that have been chronically understaffed and cited for violations over the years, is back. This time his facilities, which have settled a pair of wrongful death lawsuits out of court, are asking to be exempted from a new state requirement that they provide a minimum of 3.5 hours per day of caregiver staffing for each patient in their care. But hey, it’s just the health and safety of our elders at stake, so why pony up for the absolute legal minimum? Congratulations on this year’s champion dick move, Shlomo.

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some circles. Ultimately, the council decided a month later to stay the course with HACHR, pointing to the city's high rates of hepatitis and HIV as evidence of its need. Some members of the public promised retribution at the ballot box in November, but incumbents who supported HACHR's work within the city cruised to re-election. And in October, HACHR received state authorization, which it said would allow it to increase its hours of operation and the breadth of its services.



Elections Bring New and Familiar Faces

Elections in Humboldt County are rarely boring and the 2018 contests of June and November proved to be no exception.

Take the early-morning after election night moment — around 12:40 a.m. — when results suddenly flipped to show challenger Steve Madrone had erased two-time incumbent Ryan Sundberg's 185-vote advantage and was now leading the race to become the county's Fifth District supervisor.

Then the waiting game began, at least for election watchers, with the two candidates separated by just a fraction of the votes cast.

This was a hard-fought race, with allegations thrown by each side of the contest at one point or another. In the end, Madrone would come out ahead by 118 votes in the nail-biter, with Sundberg conceding the race a month later, congratulating the victor in an email "on a tough election and ultimate victory."

But that paled in comparison to the surprisingly dramatic auditor-controller race between the ultimately successful Karen Paz Dominguez and Mike Lorig.

In the run-up to the June ballot, Paz Dominguez — who is serving as assistant auditor-controller until taking office in January — shook things up a bit by speaking out about inter-office power struggles, a sexual harassment complaint against her former boss and several breaches of confidential personnel information.

Meanwhile, things got a little rancorous over in Eureka, too, during the November General Election, with several of the 12 hopefuls banding together at one point to call for civility in the mayor's race and three council contests.

In the end, money didn't always translate to a seat at the dais as the city got into the swing of its first true ward election since the Prohibition era. Despite an attempted pushback by some on the council's current direction, incumbents Kim Bergel and Natalie Arroyo sailed back into office and, along with political newcomers Mayor Susan Seaman and Councilmember Leslie Castellano, were just sworn in for a new term.



Students Protest Gun Violence

At 10 a.m. on March 14, hundreds of students throughout Humboldt County walked out of class for 17 minutes, standing in solidarity with students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, with each minute representing one of the 14 students and three adults killed in a mass shooting there on Feb. 14. A week later, hundreds of students and community members braved the rain to march in Arcata to protest gun violence.

At the walk outs, march and in a package of op-eds penned for the *Journal*, the students said loudly and unequivocally that they don't feel safe and demanded action to stem the growing tide of school shootings and the larger national epidemic of gun violence.

A pair of local students — North Coast Preparatory Academy freshmen Eva Swartz and Oliva Joachim — didn't stop with protest. They showed up at a May 2 Arcata City Council meeting and urged the city to amend its municipal code to include a firearm storage ordinance, citing statistics showing that "70 percent of deaths related to child shootings could have been prevented if the firearm was locked and safely stored." On Oct. 17, the Arcata City Council answered the students' call, passing an

ordinance requiring gun owners to keep their firearms locked up when not at arm's reach. Nationally, 2018 will be remembered in part as the year students took a stand against gun violence but local students accomplished something their national counterparts have so far been unable to do: spur changes in gun control laws.



HSU Football Gets Axed

As 2017 came to a close, Humboldt State University football fans were ebullient, still celebrating a Hail Mary fundraising effort that had saved the program. As it would turn out, upon further review, the Hail Mary was ruled incomplete.

After HSU President Lisa Rossbacher announced that the program was on the chopping block last year, a community-led fundraising effort garnered millions of dollars in pledges — enough to cause Rossbacher to announce the program had been saved. The good news kept rolling in when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers took standout Lumberjack center Alex Cappa in the second round of the National Football League draft, making him the first HSU player selected in the draft in more than 25 years.

The celebration proved to be short lived. In July, Rossbacher reversed course, announcing that 2018 would be HSU's last football season as community members had failed to follow through on pledged donations, leaving the program \$170,000 short of its fundraising goal for 2018.

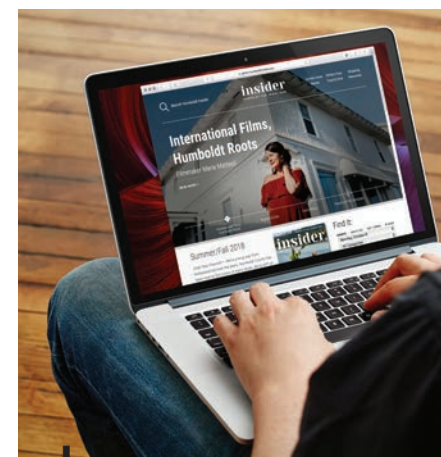
The nearly century-old program then limped through its final season — the uncertainty having taken a toll on recruitment and retention efforts — and finished with a 2-8 record on the year that included a heartbreaking home finale. (Despite the loss, the game, it should be noted, came with a happy ending as senior lineman Nathan Trent proposed to his girlfriend on the field afterward. She said yes.)

The program's shuttering leaves Azusa Pacific University as California's only Division II school with a football team. ●

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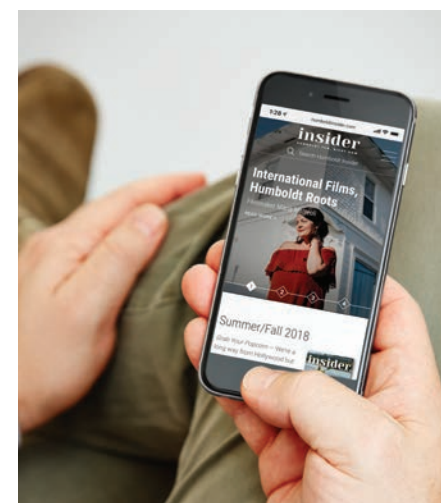
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Table Talk

The Simple Pleasure of Lentils

A tradition for a happier New Year

By **Simona Carini**

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On New Year's Eve, a steaming pot of lentils with whole sausages and slices of traditional *cotechino*, large pork sausage, was always on the dinner menu at home in Perugia, Italy. In preparing this festive comfort dish, my mother followed a tradition meant to bring prosperity, as lentils have come to symbolize coins. As a child, I didn't know that the lentils we ate were special. Perugia is the capital city of Umbria, the region in central Italy renowned for the cultivation of legumes, including the lentils from Castelluccio di Norcia and Altopiano di Colfiorito, *fagiolina* (a type of cowpea) from Lake Trasimeno, *roveja* (a type of wild pea) and pale, flat *cicerchia* beans.

Umbrian lentils are small with concentrated flavor, don't need to be soaked in advance, cook relatively quickly and keep their shape when cooked. A mouthful brings you right to the green heart of Italy and its small towns full of history and traditions. Castelluccio di Norcia is a village high up on the Sibillini Mountains. It is not far from Norcia, the birthplace of *St. Benedict* (*San Benedetto*, as we know him), founder of Western monasticism and patron saint of Europe. Both Castelluccio and Colfiorito are located in the eastern part of Umbria.

Back to lentils. They are an ancient food. Archeological studies have shown the presence of lentils in the Fertile Crescent region as far back as 8500 B.C. Cultivation and consumption of lentils spread around the Mediterranean Sea to Africa and South Asia. Nowadays, Canada is the world leading producer, followed by India.

Lentils are a protein-rich, high-fiber legume and contain folate, thiamin, vitamin B6, manganese, iron, phosphorous, zinc, copper, potassium and magnesium. They are also versatile: You can make them into soup, a warm salad or a pasta sauce, or serve them with meat, eggs or fish for a richer entrée. What's not to like about them?

Besides Castelluccio and Colfiorito lentils, other varieties of small lentils to explore include black Beluga, named for their

resemblance to Beluga caviar, and the larger du Puy, which are slate green with a delicate blue marbling, from the Auvergne region of France. Authentic Castelluccio lentils (it's that serious) carry the European Union's Protected Geographic Indication label, while du Puy lentils carry the Protected Designation of Origin label. Easier to find are French green lentils (the "generic" version of du Puy) and black Beluga lentils. If you visit Umbria, make sure to eat some lentils, regardless of the time of year. Trust me, you'll love them.

The recipe below is one way of cooking French green, black Beluga, Castelluccio or Colfiorito lentils. You can serve the lentils as they are, warm and dressed with some extra-virgin olive oil and just a bit of freshly ground black pepper, or you can use them to prepare other dishes. One option is to make a nest of the warm lentils and deposit a poached egg in the center. You can also heat a couple of teaspoons of olive oil in a skillet over medium heat and sauté 2 1/2-3 ounces of sausage meat per person (like the mild Italian variety). When the meat is no longer pink, stir in the cooked lentils to warm up and serve immediately. Of course, my father would recount my grandmother asking my grandfather, "Luigi, would you like egg or sausage?"

"Egg with sausage is very good," my grandfather replied.

So, you could follow my grandfather's example and have both.

Simple Lentils

Serves 4-6.

- 1 cup French green or other small lentils
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons peeled and finely chopped carrot



Seriously?

Yelp Reviews of Christmas Dinner at Carol's House

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Basic in the best way: lentils with olive oil.

Photo by Simona Carini

A garlic clove, unpeeled and crushed
A small bay leaf
2 cups cold water
Hot water, as needed
¼ teaspoon fine sea salt (or more to taste)

Sort through the lentils and remove any bits of debris, then rinse in cold water and drain.

In a saucepan over medium-low heat, warm up the oil. Add the finely chopped vegetables, the garlic and the bay leaf and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the lentils and sauté for another 5 minutes over gentle heat, stirring often. Remove the garlic and discard it.

Add the water. Cover the pot and quickly bring it to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer until the lentils are tender. Check after 15 minutes and estimate the time necessary to complete the cooking. If the pan becomes dry while the lentils are cooking, add 1/4 cup of hot water, then stir. Repeat as needed to keep the pan from drying out.

When the lentils are tender, remove the pan from the heat. There should be 1-2 tablespoons of cooking liquid left in the pan to keep the lentils moist. If there is more, remove the excess (unless you plan to make lentil soup). Remove the bay leaf, adjust the salt and stir. *Buon appetito!* ●

Simona Carini also writes about her adventures in the kitchen on her blog www.pulcetta.com.

Scott P.

★★★★★

Amazing!!! This was hands-down the best Christmas dinner ever. The ham was — sorry, Gramma, RIP — even better without the pineapple and maraschino cherries. The conversation was excellent and even though we disagreed, I felt real love and connection for everyone. The memory of stories from the elders, catching up with my cousins and the joyful sounds of children will carry me through the coming year.

Also, kudos to my cousin Theo for bringing bomb-ass edibles.

Shawna F.

★

As a newcomer to Brian's family, I was eager to meet everyone and try all the holiday specialties I've heard so much about. First of all, it took more than 15 minutes before anyone greeted me beyond a wave or asked me a single question. The decor — a bunch of barn wood signs with words like "Family" and "This kitchen is for dancing" — was pretty cliché. When I asked if the eggnog had dairy, Carol just looked at me and turned on her heel back to the kitchen. She didn't even say thank you for the pie I brought. I spoke to my boyfriend about her rude behavior but he did nothing. The rest of the family spent most of the afternoon staring at the football game and the children were honestly so noisy and rude I was shocked. The stuffed mushrooms were just OK. Overall, I guess, visit Brian's family if you don't mind tacky decor, rude hosts and bland food. We will not be returning.

Ellen B.

★★

I'm sorry but this year was just not as good as it used to be when we went to Gramma's. I am a Christmas person who believes in tradition and family. And I used to look forward to the holidays and our annual dinner all together at Gramma's. I'm not saying it was perfect but I don't see why all the traditions had to be thrown out this year just because Gramma passed and now Carol is running the show, swanning around in Gramma's apron like a ghoul and stripping her ham of the pineapple and cherries because I guess they're not hip enough for her fancy Facebook posts. And if Carol's rolls are Gramma's recipe like she says, I will eat a bag of flour. And eating at 5 p.m. is just insane. INSANE. Some of us have a long drive home and prefer to digest rather than rushing out with a dollar store container of mostly green beans, not that I need more of that ham. Gramma served at 2 p.m. and it was fine for decades. Even Phil, the one and only

time he "hosted," fed us by 3:30. Suddenly we're all too good for canned pineapple and we're eating store-bought pie in the dead of goddamned night like Europeans. And I'm fairly certain at least three people were high. Gramma is spinning in her grave. Spinning.

Brian B.

★★★★

Had a great time, left stuffed. Definitely worth the trip. Glad Shawna could finally meet everybody. Also lucky she could drive home because those gummies snuck up on me.

Bob Y.

★★★★

Great food, terrible company. I don't see what all the fuss was over the damned ham. It tasted fine to me. I made the potatoes, like I've been doing since before most of them were born, and I know they were the same as always. But I swear — I served on a submarine and in two tours, nobody complained as much as these people. I did my job with the potatoes and should be able to watch the game and have a little peace but now I've got this one still complaining about Phil's and a couple of fools high as kites wanting hugs. Jesus. Next year I'm making the potatoes, filling a Tupperware and going home to watch the damn game with my dog.

Toby B.

★

Everything was delicious but I'm giving this meal one star because my to-go plate was bullshit. WTF with all these green beans, Carol?

Taryn W.

★★★★★

Christmas dinner at Carol's was very nice and I had a lovely time. It was definitely better than the year we went to Phil's. Remember that? No ham, pasta. How is that a holiday dinner? We're not Italian unless Carol's DNA kit came up with that, too. But Bill had us eating fettuccine without so much as a meat sauce and we're all thinking a roast or something is coming next but that's it. Salad, noodles, some kind of wet cake and don't let the door hit you in the ass. After hours literally staring at each other in disbelief — no TV, mind you, because they're "limiting screen time" — we're on the road without so much as a foil-wrapped roll. An absolute shit show.

Andy M.

★★

The traffic getting to Carol's was ridiculous even though we left the house at the crack of dawn and parking was nonexistent so we

ended up making larger and larger circles around the house looking for a sliver of curb until we were practically back on the highway. If I'd known we were going to hike for miles I'd have volunteered to bring something lighter than a crock pot of crab dip — I could have just bought a pie at Safeway like Brian's girlfriend whatshername, for Chrissake. Dinner was fine, I guess. But the parking takes it down to two stars.

Matt G.

★

Where was the paleo? And don't say the ham because it was totally processed, not that I could break through the 2-inch brown sugar shell. It was bad as the crab dip or Phil's carbfest. If there had at least been pineapple like Gramma used to do, I could have picked at that. And the beer selection was the worst.

Kenji N.

★★★

I just met all these people after a DNA test and honestly I'm out. I already got a whole-ass family of crazy in L.A., so thanks for the New Year's invite, Carol, but I'm good. The potatoes were solid, though.

Emily M.

★★★★★

I live for two things: ham and family drama. So this dinner was a homerun for me. At one point I thought I was gonna have to toss out the border wall to get things going but then the ham came out without pineapple and that was it. Way to go off, Aunt Ellen. Going live with her reaction blew up my Instagram. Still not as wild as the year we went to Phil's, though. That was a shit show.

Carol B.

★★★★★

I killed myself cooking and none of you appreciate it. You can all go to Phil's and eat goddamn noodles for Christmas next year.

Phil R.

★

You guys did Christmas dinner at Carol's? ●

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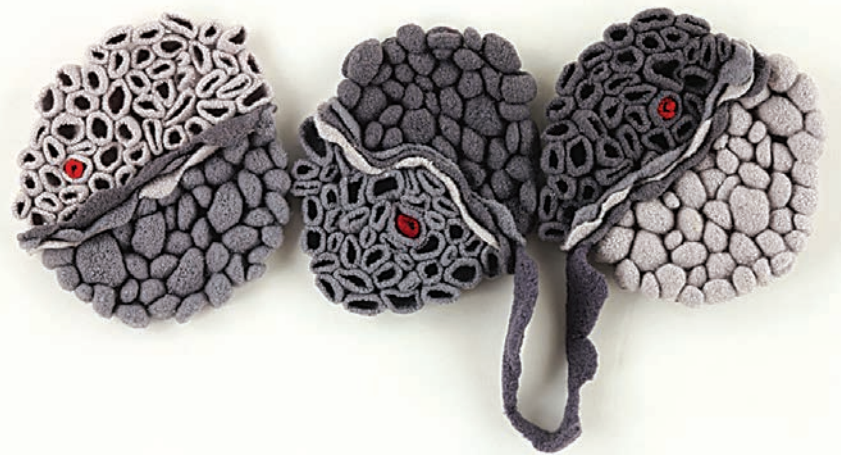
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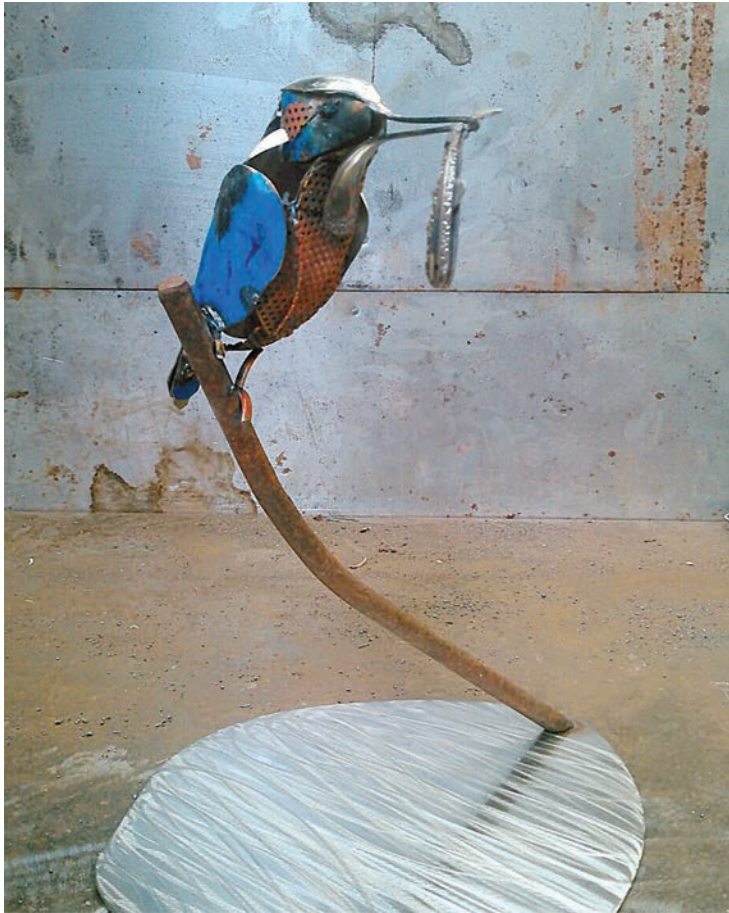
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FIELDBROOK MARKET 4636 Fieldbrook Road 633-6097		Live Music 7:30pm Free			
THE GRIFFIN 937 10th St., Arcata 825-1755		LOOSE JOINTS: Last Fridays at The Griffin 9pm Free	Sexy MF'ing Saturdays		[W] Salsa Dancing with DJ Pachanguero 8:30pm Free
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata 826-2739					[M] Soul Party New Years Eve Celebration 9pm \$10
THE JAM 915 H St., Arcata 822-4766			Rockers Saturdays 9pm \$10	Deep Groove Society 10pm \$5	[M] The GetDown New Years Eve 9:30pm \$5 [W] Whomp Whomp 10pm TBA
LARRUPIN CAFE 677-0230 1658 Patricks Point Dr., Trinidad				Tim Randles Jazz Piano 6-9pm Free	
LOGGER BAR 668-5000 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake				Potluck 6pm	[M] Love Bush, Opossum Sun Trail 9pm Free [W] Anything Goes Open Mic 8pm Free
MAD RIVER BREWING CO. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake 668-4151					
MAZZOTTI'S ON THE PLAZA 773 Eighth St., Arcata 822-1900					[M] New Year's at Mazzotti's w/ Lone Star junction, Ghost Train and DJ Vinyl Ritchie 8pm \$10, 21+
THE MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata 630-5000	Karaoke 9pm Free		The Getdown w/DJM 9:30pm Free	Karaoke 9pm Free	[M] NYE w/Hollow Down, Belles of the Levee, CV 9pm \$10
NORTHTOWN COFFEE 1603 G St., Arcata 633-6187		Open Mic 7pm Free		Two Mic Sundays (comedy) 5pm Free	
OCEAN GROVE COCKTAIL LOUNGE 480 Patrick's Point Drive., Trinidad 677-3543					[M] Rudelion DanceHall Mondayz 8pm \$5
REDWOOD RAKS 824 L St., Arcata 616-6876					[M] New Years Eve Dance: Swing and Blues (DJs) 8pm \$12
SIX RIVERS BREWERY 839-7580 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		After Work Sessions with DJ D'Vinity 4-7pm Free		Trivia Night 8pm	[M] NYE Funeral for 2018 w/Pine Box Boys, etc. TBA [T] Sunny Brae Jazz 7:30pm Free



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ARTS & DRAFTS 422 First St., Eureka 798-6329			Craft Singles: A Cheesy Trivia Night 7pm Free		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear paws Way, Loleta 733-9644		Thunder Cover (covers) 9pm Free	Uptown (funk, pop, rock) 9pm Free		[M] Midnight in the Redwoods - NYE Party (DJ) 9pm Free
BRASS RAIL BAR & GRILL 923-3188 3188 Redwood Drive, Redway	Pool Tourney 8pm			Savannah Rose (folk/country) 8pm Free	[W] Open Mic/Jam session 7pm Free
HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 444-3344 139 Second St., Eureka					[M] NYE 2019 - A Roaring '20s Gals & Gangstas Gala 9pm \$30, \$25
GALLAGHER'S IRISH PUB 139 Second St., Eureka 442-1177	Seabury Gould and Evan Morden (Celtic/Irish) 6pm Free				
HUMBOLDT BAY PROVISIONS 205 G St., Eureka 672-3850	Dinner Music w/James Khougaz 6-8pm Free				
HUMBOLDT CIDER CO. TAPROOM 517 F St., Eureka 497-6320			Luke Tygar McCarthy, Drew Andrew (live music) 6-9pm Free		
LIL RED LION 1506 Fifth St., Eureka 444-1344					[M] New Year's Punk Rock Hootenanny w/Cross Contamination, The Scum Lourdes 8pm TBA
NORTH OF FOURTH 207 Third St., Eureka 798-6303					[W] Brian Post and Friends Jazz Trio 7pm Free
OLD TOWN COFFEE & CHOC. 211 F St., Eureka 445-8600	Open Mic with Mike Anderson 6:30pm Free	Improv Show 7pm Free		Hillbilly Gospel Jam 2-4pm Free	[M] Improv Jam 6pm Free
PALM LOUNGE - EUREKA INN, 518 Seventh St., Eureka 497-6093	Indigo - The Color of Jazz 7-11pm Free				
PEARL LOUNGE 507 Second St., Eureka 444-2017	Reggae Thursdays 9:30pm Free	Selecta Arms (hip-hop, reggae hits) 10pm Free	DJ D'Vinity (hip-hop, top 40) 10pm Free		
PHATSY KLINE'S PARLOR LOUNGE 139 Second St., Eureka 444-3344	Laidback Lounge 7-10pm				[W] Live Jazz w/Bill Allison 7pm Free

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SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka 845-8864		Improv Class Graduation 7pm \$5 Laughter is the Best Medicine - A Benefit for Monica Durant 9pm \$15	Mystery Crypt 420 9pm \$5	Two Mic Sundays 9pm Free	[M] Roast of Tugs 8pm \$5
THE SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka 442-8778	Vinyl Tap 7pm Free		Blackplate, Hazel Atlas, The Tweeners 9pm \$6		[W] The Monster Women, Sue & the Namies, Mister Moonbeam, Strix Vega 9pm \$5
THE SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka 444-2244		Live Jazz and Blues 8:30pm Free	Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band 9pm Free		
STONE JUNCTION BAR 923-2562 744 Redway Dr., Garberville	Upstate Thursdays w/ DJs G. Davis, Just One 9pm Free		Soul Hum DJ music funk, soul 10pm		[M] Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$10 buy-in [W] First Hump Party w/Little Kidd Lost and Bayside Sessions 10pm
TIP TOP CLUB 6269 Loma Ave., Eureka 443-5696		Friday Night Function (DJ music) 9pm Free before 10pm	Sexy Saturdays w/Masta Shredda 9pm TBA		
VICTORIAN INN RESTAURANT 400 Ocean Ave., Ferndale 786-4950		Jeffrey Smoller (solo guitar) 6pm Free			[M] Hugh Gallagher (folk/country) 6pm Free [W] Karaoke Nights 9pm Free
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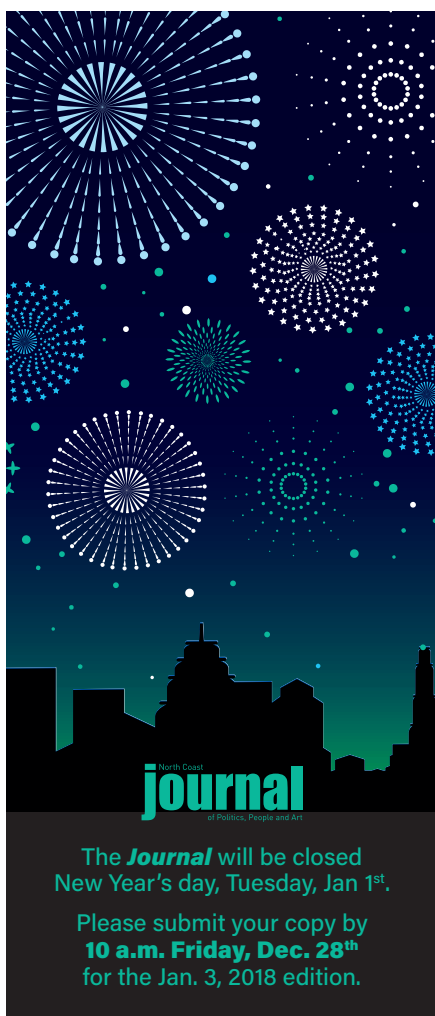
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Setlist

Ghosting 2018

By Collin Yeo

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It's the last week of the year and you know what? I hate goodbyes. I hate them immensely and will duck out of a good time like the house is on fire if I am ever put on the spot to eulogize the evening. So I won't say anything more here and instead let the week's entertainments speak for themselves. So read on, please, I am done here and done with 2018.

Thursday

It's the ongoing Laidback Lounge over at Phatsy Kline's this evening at 7 p.m. This week **DJ Joe-e** will be spinning all kinds of, well, lounging music from the soul, electronic, jazz, funk and downtown that walks the line between low-key dancing and regular hang out music. (free).

Friday

When I lived in New Orleans years ago, the locals had a novel way of dealing with the inevitable madness and crowds of Mardi Gras. Because the holiday always falls on a Tuesday — for the five of you who don't know that Mardi Gras is French for the “fat Tuesday” before Ash Wednesday and the somber beginning of Lent — the local combo breaker was simply partying on Monday. Dubbed “Lundi Gras,” this outing allowed all but the most gung ho partiers in the 504 area code to simply lay low and recover on the big day. In that spirit, The Logger Bar is hosting a New Year's Eve warm-up show tonight at 9 p.m. with **The Undercovers** for all of you out there who, for whatever reason, prefer a dress rehearsal rag to opening night jitters. It's a free show and you can dance your denim dogs off to arguably the best cover band in the area.

Saturday

Locally minted gospel singer **Georgia Ruth** is making time tonight to perform at The Arcata Playhouse tonight at 8 p.m. with her collaborators in the **Absynth Quartet**. Expect songs from the match-ups' most recent offering *Life Worth Living*, as well as an evening of cross genre soulful tunes (\$15, \$10 advance).

Sunday

Deep Groove Society presents its regular electronic dance music showcase



Hollow Down plays The Miniplex on Monday, Dec. 22 at 9 p.m.

Courtesy of the artists

Sundaze at The Jam tonight. Expect bass-driven EDM cuts to fill all of your digital grooves. It all kicks off at 9:30 p.m., is free until 10 p.m. and only \$10 afterward.

Monday

It's the last night of 2018 here in the Western World and a lot is going on as midnight's shadow moves from the fall of the Big Apple out here to the Pacific Ocean like a culling harvest blade. Out with the old, in with the new and, while I can't possibly list every social activity for everyone in the fear-of-missing-out crowd, here's a shortlist of places where I am considering celebrating the inevitable coming of 2019.

At 6 p.m. there is a soft opening to the the new bar in the downstairs section of the Arcata Veteran's Hall. Come celebrate for free with **War Möth**, the newly formed and buzzworthy **Bow-legged Buzzards** and **Forever Young Experience**, a Neil Young cover band that aims to play as late as possible.

At 8 p.m. there's another free one at The Little Red Lion when **The Scum Lourdes** and **Cross Contamination** put on a “Punk Rock Hootenanny” for the slam dancing faithful across the county.

Over at the Miniplex at beginning at 9 p.m. you can catch a three band line-up for only \$10 (\$8 advance) when an unlikely alliance is forged by swingin' early jazz sweeties **Belles of the Levee**, grisly and twangy Americana quartet **Hollow Down** and a dark synth hybrid form of atmospheric reverb junkies **CV**.

Finally at 10 p.m. **Lovebush** will hit the floor at The Logger bar for a free celebration for us Auld Lang Syners who care to dance to the sweet sounds of Afro-funk in the sure-to-be-packed pad.

Tuesday, New Year's Day

Even if you are one of the steady and sober sort who, by virtue of your lifestyle, get to smirk at the bleary-eyed misfortune of the rest of us damned sods, it is unlikely you will be looking for much of a musical to-do on this new dawn of the new year. And if you are, tough udders from me because I've got nothing to recommend. We all know it's arguably the biggest hangover day of the year — good to get that out of the way early, I say — and the action belongs to restoration and rebirth, and not, I am afraid, live music. Sorry.

Wednesday

Here's a novel idea: How about you try something you've always yearned to do but, for whatever reason, held yourself back from? Something that rubs and purrs against your inhibitions like a naughty housecat that needs attention. Furthermore, how about you to do that thing in public. Come on, what's the point of all of that New Year/new me bullshit from a couple nights ago if it's just going to be left in last year's trash can? Just do it. And by “it” I mean have a whole-some good time at the **Anything Goes open Mic** at The Logger Bar at 8 p.m. (free). Mo Hollis hosts the evening of talent and exploration thereof. Who are you to resist? ●

Full show listings in the Journal's Music and More grid, the Calendar and online. Bands and promoters, send your gig info, preferably with a high-res photo or two, to music@northcoastjournal.com.

Collin Yeo would like mutual friends to let 2018 know that he is practically already deep into February, and doesn't miss this lousy year one little bit. He lives in a mind palace in Future Arcata.

Calendar

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Courtesy of Marjo Lak



Courtesy of Ghost Train

Swing in the new year with **Monday Night Swing & Redwood Fusion's New Year's Eve Dance 2019** on **Monday, Dec. 31** from **8 p.m. to 1 a.m.** at **Redwood Raks World Dance Studio** (\$12). This party's got everything: DJs in two rooms, photo booth, vintage costume contest, Martinelli toast and balloon drop at midnight. All ages.

The **Historic Eagle House** is the site for **NYE 2019 - A Roaring '20s Gals & Gangstas Gala** **Monday, Dec. 31** at **9 p.m.** (\$30, \$25). Hosted by MC Lady Flavah with music and dancing with Worthy (Dirtybird), Object Heavy, DJ Marjo Lak and Basstard. Plus a midnight aerial performance, toast and balloon drop. Ages 18 and up.

Say goodbye to 2018 and get ready for all the good coming at ya in 2019 at **New Year's at Mazzotti's, Monday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. at Mazzotti's on the Plaza** (\$10). Live music and dancing for the 21 and up crowd with Lone Star Junction, Ghost Train and DJ Vinyl Ritchie.



File

Let's Make it a Good One

Shopping, parties, out of town guests. The end of the year is a flurry of "too much." After the frenetic pace and over indulgence of the last days of December, the beginning of the year is when we slow down, take deep breaths and an inventory of where we've been, where we are and where we'd like to be. And so the resolution lists come out. And the gritty determination. Go easy on yourselves this year. It's OK if you stumble. And remember, little changes can make a big difference.

Improve your sleep. And your relationship with your cat (sooo needy) by spending less time in front of the screen. Put your devices down and interact with others over cards and games at **Community Board Game Night**, the **last Wednesday and Thursday** of every month from **6 to 9 p.m.** at **Bayside Community Hall** (free).

Take it outside. We live in an area of abundant beauty with wonderful accessibility to it. Discover local flora and fauna the **first Wednesday** of every month on a **Guided Nature Walk** in **Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge** (free). Two-hour tours leave the Richard J. Guadagno Visitor Center at **9 a.m.**

Raise your vibration. Join the **Humboldt Folklife Society** the **first Thursday** of every month for a **sing-along** at **7 p.m.** at the **Arcata Community Center** (free). Songbooks are provided. Show up and sing your heart out.

Eat better. The **Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers' Market** offers fresh GMO-free foods direct from the farmers, artisan products and wellness services **Saturdays through March** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the Eighth and I Street block.

Work on stress. Get your chi flowing and heart rate up at **Baile Terapia**, dance therapy from Paso a Paso, **Mondays** from **7 to 8 p.m.** at **Jefferson Community Center** and the **last Friday** of every month from **7 to 8 p.m.** at **The MGC** in Fortuna (free).

—Kali Cozyris

27 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. Chip in for the live model and hone your artistic skills. Go into the courtyard on C Street to the room on the right. \$5. 442-0309.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Contemporary partner dance with an improvised, lead-follow approach. A 7 p.m. lesson, 8 p.m. dancing. \$5, first time free. www.redwoodraks.com.

FOR KIDS

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. Stories with the little ones. Free. trihuml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 677-0227.

Young Discoverers. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. A drop-off program for children ages 3-5 with stories, music, crafts, yoga and snacks. \$8, \$6 members. redwooddiscoverymuseum@gmail.com. www.discovery-museum.org. 443-9694.

MEETINGS

Toastmasters. Fourth Thursday of every month, noon. Redwood Sciences Laboratory, 1700 Bayview St., Arcata. Give and receive feedback and learn to speak with confidence. Second and fourth Thursdays. Visitors welcome.

SPORTS

Exhibition Hockey Game. 7 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. The Humboldt Timberwolves present the Humboldt Slugs and Mendocino Blades in a competitive game. Enjoy popcorn, hot chocolate, an adult beverage, Ferndale Pizza and more while you watch the game. Public skating closes early at 6:15 p.m. Free.

Humboldt Ice Rink. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. Enjoy ice skating at the rink's new indoor location at the Humboldt County Fairground. \$12, \$8 kids (include skates and 90 minutes on the ice). humboldtikerink@gmail.com. www.humboldtikerink.com.

ETC

Community Board Game Night. Last Wednesday, Thursday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Play your favorite games or learn new ones with North Coast Role Playing. Free. osslnrcp@northcoast.com. www.baysidecommunity-hall.org. 444-2288.

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Put your deck to the test. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

28 Friday

ART

Drop-in Volunteering. 1-6 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Drop-in volunteering every Friday to help the creative reuse nonprofit. Free. volunteer@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org. 822-2452.

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DANCE

Baile Terapia. Last Friday of every month, 7-8 p.m. The MGC, 2280 Newburg Road, Fortuna. Paso a Paso hosts dance therapy. Free. www.ervmgc.com. 725-3300.

MOVIES

Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981). 8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Whip-cracking Indy at his best. \$5. www.arcatatheatre.com.

FOR KIDS

Family Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. A rotating group of storytellers entertain children ages 2-6 and parents at Fortuna Library. Free. www.humlib.org. 725-3460.

Redwood Empire BMX - BMX Practice/Racing. 5-6 p.m. Redwood Empire BMX, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Learn good sportsmanship and safety for kids of all ages. Friday and Sunday practices followed by racing. \$2 practice, \$5 ribbon race, \$8 medal race, \$11 trophy race. redwoodempirebmx1992@gmail.com. 845-0094.

SPORTS

Humboldt Ice Rink. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 27 listing.

COMEDY

Savage Henry Improv Class Graduation. 7-9 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Students from the Savage Henry Improv Class

perform their first show. The show is a fundraiser for Monica Durant, who recently suffered liver failure and is in a San Francisco hospital awaiting a transplant. \$5. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

ETC

A Call to Yarns. Noon-1 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Knit. Chat. Relax. Free. sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us. 822-5954.

Drop-in Volunteering. 1-6 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Lend your hand organizing and helping the environment at the creative reuse non-profit. Free. volunteer@SCRAPHumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org. 822-2452.

Solidarity Fridays. 5-6 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Join Veterans for Peace and the North Coast People's Alliance for a peaceful protest on the courthouse lawn. www.northcoastpeoplesalliance.org.

29 Saturday

MUSIC

Georgia Ruth w/Members of The Absynth Quartet. 8-11 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Georgia Ruth is an original singer songwriter with a powerful roots-inspired voice that blends folk, Americana, blues and jazz. \$15, \$10 advance. tofumike@gmail.com. 707-822-1575.

EVENTS

Humboldt County Cup: Award Ceremony and After-Party Concert. 7 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre New Year's Eve bash and harvest celebration. Award ceremony from 7 to 9 p.m. Concert featuring Irie Rockers, Asha Nan and Cosmic God starts at 9 p.m. \$25 award ceremony/concert, \$20 concert only. www.arcatatheatre.com.

FOR KIDS

Storytime. 11:30 a.m. McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road. Stories for children and their parents. Free.

Storytime and Crafts. 11:30 a.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Followed by crafts at noon. Now with a Spanish and English story every first and third Saturday. Free. blkhum@co.humboldt.ca.us. 668-4207.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers' Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza Farmers' Market, Eighth and I street block. Fresh GMO-free foods direct from the farmers. Fruits and vegetables, humanely raised meats, pastured eggs, artisanal body products, plants, hot food stands and more. Free. info@humfarm.org. www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org. 441-9999.

OUTDOORS

Audubon Society Arcata Marsh Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring your binoculars and meet walk leader Bob Battagin in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata, rain or shine. Free. www.rras.org/calendar.

SPORTS

Humboldt Ice Rink. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 27 listing.

COMEDY

Mystery Crypt 420. 9-11:30 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. We totally ripped this show off. Riffing on Sir Mx-A-Lot's favorite movie. Matt Redbeard, Daniel Amaral and Doctor Foxmeat. \$5. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864

ETC

Women's Peace Vigil. Noon-1 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Dress in warm clothing and bring your own chair. No perfume, please. Free. 269-7044.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Standard League. 1-4 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and claim your prizes. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

30 Sunday

MOVIES

Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory (1971). 6 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Five lucky kids win the opportunity to tour a magical candy factory. \$5. www.arcatatheatre.com.

MUSIC

Bayside Community Hall Music Project. 6-8 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Bandemonium, community activist street band, from 6-8 p.m. Bring wind instruments and drums. Free. gregg@relevantmusic.org. www.relevantmusic.org/Bayside. 499-8516.

FOR KIDS

Redwood Empire BMX - BMX Practice/Racing. 1-2:30 p.m. Redwood Empire BMX, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. See Dec. 28 listing.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

Centerville Christmas Bird Count. Countywide. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for the 119th annual North American Christmas Bird Count. This circle includes South Spit, King Salmon, Fields Landing, lower Elk River, Fortuna, Ferndale, Centerville Beach, Eel River mouth, and Loleta. CBC leaders often have permission to access seldom-birded locations. Contact leader Sean McAllister at whiteouters@gmail.com. www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count.

SPORTS

Humboldt Ice Rink. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 27 listing.

COMEDY

Two Mic Sundays. 5 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. 633-6187.

Two Mic Sundays. 9-11:30 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Free. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

31 Monday

DANCE

Baile Terapia. 7-8 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Paso a Paso host dance therapy. Free. jorge.matas@stjoe.org. 441-4477.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Blues Brothers Reborn and The Undercovers. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. The tribute and cover bands ring in the New Year. Doors at 7 p.m. Free. info@bluelakecasino.com. 668-9770.

Midnight in the Redwoods - NYE Party. 9 p.m. Bear

River Casino and Resort Ballroom, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Ring in the new year with DJ dancing, party favors and drink specials. Free.

New Year's at Mazzotti's. 8 p.m. Mazzotti's on the Plaza, 773 Eighth St., Arcata. Ring in the new year with live music and dancing. Featuring Lone Star junction, Ghost Train and DJ Vinyl Ritchie. 21 and up. \$10. www.mazzottis.com.

New Years Eve Dance: Swing and Blues. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Monday Night Swing & Redwood Fusion Present an evening of swing and blues dancing with two DJ rooms, Martinelli toast and balloon drop at midnight, concessions by Mosaic Productions, photo booth, vintage costume contest. All ages event. \$12. www.facebook.com/RedwoodRaks/.

New Year's Eve Party. 7 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Music, dancing, pool, shuffle board and fun.

NYE 2019 ~ A Roaring '20s Gals & Gangstas Gala. 6 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Coursed Dinner from 6-9pm at the Forever Found Loheide Building Party at the Historic Eagle House 9PM-3AM \$25-\$175.

NYE Funeral for 2018. Six Rivers Brewery, Tasting Room & Restaurant, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Dance the year away to live music by The Pine Box Boys, The Graveside Quartet, "Gentleman" Jimmy Hadley, and Husky Burnette. Champagne toast at midnight. Free. www.sixriversbrewery.com.

NYE GalaXY 19 ~ New Year's Eve Shenanigans w/ World Famous, Purple Couch & Soundculture. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. 21 and up. For info, see www.arcatatheatre.com.

SPORTS

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1 Tuesday

MEETINGS

Soroptimist of McKinleyville Business Meeting. First Tuesday of every month, 7 a.m. Denny's Restaurant, McKinleyville, 1500 Anna Sparks Way. A local volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through social and economic empowerment programs. Free. aprilsousa13@gmail.com. www.dennys.com.

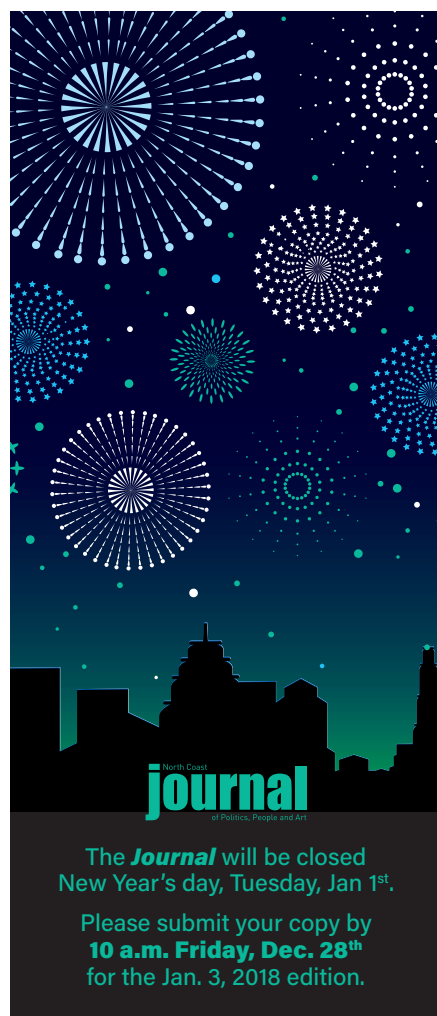
OUTDOORS

First Day Hike. 10 a.m. Stone Lagoon Visitor Center, 115336 U.S. Highway 101, Trinidad. Part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative. Paddle/swim Stone Lagoon. Enjoy a paddle trip with your kayak, stand-up-paddleboard or canoe and gear. Please call in advance for rental reservations. All participants must wear a properly fitted life jacket. Wear clothing and shoes that can get wet. Be prepared for chilly temperatures. Bring snacks and water. No pets please. All ages are encouraged. Windy conditions or inclement weather can cancel. Call 845-6171 for cancellation information. Free.

SPORTS

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Resolution Run 5K. 10 a.m. Eureka Waterfront, Foot of Del Norte Street. Start the new year off right at the Eureka Waterfront Trail. This race is co-produced by the city of Eureka and the Six Rivers running club. \$5, free for SRRC members and kids under 18.



COMEDY

Roast of Tugs. 8-10 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Local comedian Tugs is moving away so we're gonna send him down the road in style and make sure he never wants to come back. \$5. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

1 Tuesday

COMEDY

Trivia Tuesdays. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Teams of three. Three rounds. \$5 entry fee per team. Real prizes. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864

2 Wednesday

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Pint & Fry Night: *Star Knight* (1985). 6 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. A laid-back spoof of knights in shining armor. Free w/\$5 min. food or beverage purchase. www.arcatatheatre.com.

FOR KIDS

Stories and Stuffedies. First Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m.-noon. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. Bring a stuffed animal, book and blanket. Parents and young children join education staff for stories and quiet activities. Free with zoo admission. education@sequoiaparkzoo.net. www.sequoiaparkzoo.net/education/zoo_educational_opportunities/. 441-4217.

OUTDOORS

Guided Nature Walk. First Wednesday of every month, 9 a.m. Richard J. Guadagno Visitor Center, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Familiarize yourself with local flora and fauna on a 2-mile walk. Binoculars available at the visitor's center. Free. www.fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay. 733-5406.

SPORTS

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ETC

Casual Magic. 4-9 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and connect with the local Magic community. Beginners welcome. Door prizes and drawings. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

3 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. See Dec. 27 listing.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. See Dec. 27 listing.

MUSIC

Humboldt Folklife Society Sing-along. First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Sing your favorite folk, rock and pop songs of the 1960s with Joel Sonenshein. Songbooks are provided. Free. joel@asis.com.

FOR KIDS

Single Day Camp SCRAP. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Art camp focused on creative reuse for children involving experimenting, problem-solving, building, creating and playing. Children will learn about and work with a wide variety of different materials. \$35 per day. education@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org/programs/camp/. 822-2452.

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. See Dec. 27 listing.

Young Discoverers. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. See Dec. 27 listing.

MEETINGS

PFLAG Meeting. First Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka. The national organization of parents, families, friends and allies united with LGBTQ people. Everyone welcome. Free. www.ci.eureka.ca.gov.

SPORTS

Humboldt Ice Rink. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 27 listing.

ETC

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. See Dec. 27 listing.

Heads Up ...

The Humboldt County Planning Commission will have a vacant seat for which the public is invited to apply. Deadline to apply is Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. Fill out an application at www.humboldt.gov/194/Planning-Commission or by visiting the Humboldt County Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Room III, Eureka.

The Humboldt Arts Council invites community members to share collections in the show Humboldt Collects! send a completed submission form, which can be downloaded at www.humboldtarts.org and up to three digital images (high resolution JPEG: minimum 300 dpi, 1 MB) to jemima@humboldtarts.org by Jan. 18.

Donations and consignments are now being accepted at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center for the annual Get Outside Gear Sale, happening April 13. Stop by Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 444-1397 or visit friendsofthedunes.org/get-outside-gear-sale for more info.

Fabien Artist Fund now accepting applications. Grant guidelines are posted at www.humboldtarts.org. Email Jemima@humboldtarts.org or 442-0278, extension 205.

The Eureka Symphony holds auditions for its Young Artist Competition on Jan. 20. Two artists will receive cash awards and be selected to play with the symphony in the Inventive Voices concert on April 12 and 13. For more information and an application, email eurekasymphony@gmail.com.

Humboldt International Film Fest call for entries. Independent filmmakers, share your art. Submission deadline: Feb. 15. Visit www.HSUfilmfestival.com to learn more.

Scholarships available for HSU undergrad and graduate-level women re-entry students. Go to www.humboldt-ca.aauw.net and Educational Opportunities to download the application. Call (415) 517-2813.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Dove Banding Program seeks volunteers. More information at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Science-Institute. ●

Filmland

Stand-out Movies of 2018

And a toast to the end of empire

By John J. Bennett

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Reviews

I've been burning down what little is left of 2018, using ethanol for an accelerant as is my wont. But I've also, after all this time, been watching The Great British Baking Show on Netflix. I resisted it for so long partially because its wildfire popularity and my sullen contrarianism seemed impossibly incompatible, and because English pastry esoterica just isn't my thing. But we started in spite of all that, beginning at season five because Noel Fielding co-hosts and The Mighty Boosh is life, so even if the weird jellies and rolls and what-have-you didn't hold my attention, I'd at least have a familiar point of absurdist psychedelic humor to orient me. Charming as Fielding may be, though, it turns out there's a lot more there for me to like, namely that the contestants, representative of a great number of British regions and socio-economic strata, are unflaggingly kind and supportive of one another. The show doesn't attempt to pit one against the other and, in fact, evinces little to no artifice in its construction.

I've frequently complained to my wife that American cooking shows, especially those made up of casts of non-professionals, would have us believe that every contestant can work without a recipe and that, although untrained, they can master technique without practice. It's bullshit, of course, but very much a part of the mythology of American exceptionalism. On The Great British Baking Show, the seams and gaps are always readily evident, there are whole segments with every contestant working directly from a recipe, frequently admitting their own weaknesses and rushing to the aid of others. It's hopeful to me in the context of 2018 because that series represents culture in the aftermath of the collapse of international dominance and this country seems to be doing everything it can, in its dumbfounding, dunderheaded, sinister way, to get there. Maybe once it finally happens we and our entertainments will be nicer and more honest with one another. Or, to paraphrase Jim Morrison, the whole shithouse might just go up in flames.

Such is my perspective as I sit to consider the year in movies. Looking back

across 2017, just about 12 months ago — 12 individually vast but cumulatively infinitesimal months — I thought I saw the makings of a groundswell, of hope, optimism and resistance reflected in popular art. A year later I see something more like resignation as the theme of the cinematic year; it might just be my eyes.

There may yet be hope and it may well come in the form of Adam McKay's (Step Brothers, 2008; The Big Short, 2015) **Vice**, a Dick Cheney biopic that promises to illuminate the perhaps irrevocable takeover of American democracy by corporate America. It remains to be seen, of course (opening Christmas day), but McKay is a true subversive and one of the only real satirists working in mainstream Hollywood today, so let's all wish upon a star or whatever pagan idol we each select.

Of the major label releases from the year past, only a scant handful still resonate. **Overlord** and **Halloween** both romp gleefully in genre, while slyly commenting on contemporary issues without harping on them. **Mission: Impossible - Fallout** set out to be the best action movie of the year and, while it must said competition was thin on the ground, did so with authority. **A Star is Born** might easily have slid into self-aggrandizement and celebrity worship but instead examines the cost of those very ideas in a raw, gorgeous and deceptively complex way. **BlackKkKlansman**, to some an outlier but to me a major release from a major director, is an aesthetic and narrative triumph, while also disturbing in the clarity of its message that serious social change has been too long coming in this country. **Widows**, maybe the movie of the year and arguably the most technically accomplished, screams with a similar theme, albeit from a completely different visual and narrative point of view.

Roma must be considered as one of the main prestige pictures of the year, and rightfully so. But its deliberate other-ness — its setting and language, the intensely intentional choice to shoot it in black and white — will make it something of an oddity to much of the moviegoing public.

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Walking into 2019. *Annihilation*

A shame because it is exquisitely beautiful and deceptively complicated. **The Ballad of Buster Scruggs** occupies a similar space (both Netflix releases, incidentally), in that its misanthropy and genre specificity will distance some viewers. But it, like *Roma*, is one of the most beautiful movies of the year. I found *Annihilation* similarly compelling but it seems to have more detractors than supporters. Beyond misogyny, I can't really fathom why.

Of the mid-sized independent offerings (apparently in the midst of some weird renaissance), I found much to appreciate in the following:

First Reformed seemed to be a return to form for Paul Schrader, a dense and intense examination of faith and futility that I still think about frequently.

Thoroughbreds came out of nowhere with its well-timed antic weirdness, hopelessly marking the beginning of something and not just lucky one-off.

The Sisters Brothers took an enjoyable novel and expanded it into an examination of kindness and its place in the male persona, but it's also a cracking good Western, albeit one with a broken heart.

Eighth Grade might be too real, I'll just say that. But everyone should see it.

An Evening With Beverly Luff Linn has nothing to do with reality but I found it utterly delightful in its effortless but very deliberate weirdness. Close friends of mine disagree completely.

Blindspotting, though, is the one I can't and won't stop thinking about, and in that there may be some hope after all. Because even as much as it is a movie about the horror of life in contemporary America, of

the infiltration of corporate malfeasance and institutionalized racism and violence into our lives, it is also about recognizing the sameness in our differences — actually seeing each other and, maybe, that way making progress.

—John J. Bennett

See showtimes at www.northcoastjournal.com or call: Broadway Cinema 443-3456; Fortuna Theatre 725-2121; Mill Creek Cinema 839-3456; Minor Theatre 822-3456; Richards' Goat Miniplex 630-5000.

Previews

DIE HARD (1988). Welcome to the party, pal. R. 132M. BROADWAY.

HOLMES AND WATSON. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly do their thing in tweed. PG13. 91M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

VICE. Christian Bale, Sam Rockwell and Amy Adams star in the tale of Dick Cheney's rise to the White House. R. 132M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

Continuing

AQUAMAN. James Wan directs the butched-up ocean superhero's (Jason Momoa) solo feature with Amber Heard and an army of CG sea creatures. PG13. 143M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

BECOMING ASTRID. Pippi Longstocking's Swedish creator Astrid Lindgren gets the biopic treatment. NR. 123M. MINIPLEX.

BUMBLEBEE. Transformers spinoff starring Hailee Steinfeld and John Cena. PG13. 113M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH. Benedict

Cumberbatch voices the green menace (which is going to give me all kinds of issues) in this latest animated trip to Whoville. PG. 90M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA.

GREEN BOOK. The set-up of a racist white man driving a black concert pianist around the South in the '60s is cringeworthy but Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali give such immersive, deeply-felt performances in director Peter Farrelly's surprisingly restrained film. PG13. 130M. BROADWAY.

MARY POPPINS RETURNS. The original super nanny (Emily Blunt) takes on the children of her former charges.

With Lin-Manuel Miranda and a freakishly spry Dick Van Dyke. PG. 130M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS. Enough queenly rivalry to make RuPaul gasp in Josie Rourke's historical drama starring Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie. R. 124M. BROADWAY.

MORTAL ENGINES. Hera Hilmar and Hugo Weaving star in Peter Jackson's steampunk adventure with roving cities battling it out in a post-apocalyptic landscape. PG13. 128M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

THE MULE. Clint Eastwood's storytelling is as controlled as his performance as an aging, failed father smuggling drugs for a cartel as the DEA closes in. With Bradley Cooper and Michael Peña. R. 116M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET. More video game hijinks voiced by John C. Reilly and Sarah Silverman. PG. 112M. BROADWAY.

SECOND ACT. Jennifer Lopez accidentally catfishes her way into a high-powered job. With Leah Remini and Vanessa Hudgens. PG13. 103M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE. Inter-dimensional spider heroes team up in an animated adventure. Starring Shameik Moore, Jake Johnson and Hailee Steinfeld. PG. 117M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

WELCOME TO MARWEN. A violent assault sends an artist (Steve Carell) into a therapeutic, woman-powered fantasy world. With Janelle Monáe and Leslie Mann. PG13. 116M. BROADWAY.

—Jennifer Fumiko Cahill ●

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANCES JANE RENNER CASE NO. PR180302

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANCES JANE RENNER, FRANCES J. RENNER, AND JANE RENNER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner PAMELA J. ZANA AND JAMES M. RENNER

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that PAMELA J. ZANA AND JAMES M. RENNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate

Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Daniel E Cooper Morrison, Morrison & Cooper 611 I street, Suite A Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-8011 Filed: December 13, 2018 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NORMAN WILLIAM GLIDDEN CASE NO. PR180301

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NORMAN WILLIAM GLIDDEN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner MARTJE VANWERKUM-GLIDDEN In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that MARTJE VANWERKUM-GLIDDEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Daniel E Cooper Morrison, Morrison & Cooper 611 I street, Suite A Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-8011 Filed: December 6, 2018 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

12/20, 12/20, 12/27 (18-326)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # 18-2566 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED: 08/03/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee, as shown below, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: HGG Ventures LLC, a California Limited Liability Company DULY APPOINTED TRUSTEE: Foreclosure Specialists, a General Partnership RECORDED: 08/17/2017 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2017-015133 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of HUMBOLDT County, California. DATE OF SALE: 01/02/2019 at 11:00AM PLACE OF SALE: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse at 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 THE COMMON DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY IS PURPORTED TO BE: 2120 Friday Ridge Road, WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$913,250.01 Beneficiary may elect to open bidding at a lesser amount. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is stated above, which includes the total

amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to fee and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call the trustee's information line at 530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-6766, or visit this Internet Web site: calforeclosures.biz, using the file number assigned to this case: TS # 18-2566. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NPP website and sales line number: www.nationwideposting.com Trustee Sales Automated Number: 916-939-0772 DATE: 12/05/2018 FORECLOSURE SPECIALISTS P.O. Box 994465 REDDING, CA 96099-4465 530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-6766 Sheena Hunter Foreclosure Specialists is assisting the Beneficiary in collecting a debt. Any and all information obtained may be used for that purpose. NPP0345119 To: NORTH COAST JOURNAL

12/13/2018, 12/20/2018, 12/27/2018 (18-327)

T.S. No. 073438-CA APN: 052-053-019-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/15/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER

On 1/11/2019 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/28/2009, as Instrument No. 2009-8976-7, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Humboldt County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MICHAEL DEAN TEASLEY AND MELISSA HOUSEWORTH, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIERS CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: IN THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 230 OGLE AVENUE RIO DELL, CALIFORNIA 95562 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$171,486.45 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and

Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 073438-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

12/20/m 12/27, 1/3 (18-329)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00730
The following person is doing Business as
SPA RITUALS HEALING RETREATS

Humboldt
4938 Alto St
Eureka, CA 95503

Rebecca Kinelski
4938 Alto St

Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Rebecca Kinelski, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 3, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/6, 12/13, 12/220, 12/27 (18-317)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00717
The following person is doing Business as
LIVING THE DREAM ICE CREAM

Humboldt
1 F Street Cl
Eureka, CA 95501

SDJ Associates LLC
CA 201215610442
1 F Street Cl
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Dena Powers, Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on November 28, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/6, 12/13, 12/220, 12/27 (18-314)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00722
The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT CANNABIS KINGS

Humboldt
1225 Northwestern Ave
Rio Dell, CA 95540
PO Box 4533
Arcata, CA 95518

AKLK LLC
CA 201831110177
931 12th St #4
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s George K. Watson, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on November 29, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/6, 12/13, 12/220, 12/27 (18-316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00747
The following person is doing Business as
ADDISON LAW

Humboldt
2233 H St
Eureka, CA 95501

Shelley C Addison
2233 H St.
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Shelley Addison, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 12, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10 (18-331)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00751
The following person is doing Business as
NOR-CAL TAX SERVICES

Humboldt
405 West Harris Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Charles C Williams
218 Boyle Drive
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
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any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Charles C Williams, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 13, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10 (18-330)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00727
The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT MUSHROOM COMPANY/HUMBOLDT MUSHROOM SUPPLY

Humboldt
2368 Austin
Eureka, CA 95503

Christopher S Maloy
2368 Austin
Eureka, CA 95503
Shana L Maloy
2368 Austin
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Christopher S. Maloy, Co-Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 3, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/6, 12/13, 12/220, 12/27 (18-315)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00771
The following person is doing Business as
KIMO

Humboldt
303 Dick Smith Rd
Fortuna, CA 95540

Dale K Bagley
303 Dick Smith Rd
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the regis-

trant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Dale K. Basley, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 21, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sm, Humboldt County Clerk

12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 (18-338)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00728
The following person is doing Business as
TRISH'S OUT OF THE WAY CAFE

Humboldt
2865 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540
2565 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

**Patricia L Mannix
3286 D St
Hydesville, CA 95547
Timothy A Mannix
3286 D St
Hydesville, CA 95547**

The business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Patricia Mannix, Co-Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 3, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27 (18-318)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00734
The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT ACUPUNCTURE

Humboldt
517 3rd Street #18
Eureka, CA 95501

**Chelsea J Colby
2707 M Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Jeffrey Haloff
2707 M Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the regis-

trant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Chelsea Colby, Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 6, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kl, Humboldt County Clerk
12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 (18-324)

12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 (18-324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00742
The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT HEMP COMPANY

Humboldt
1497 Glendale Drive
McKinleyville, CA 95519
P.O. Box 906
Blue Lake, CA 95525

**Josh Z Waldrop
1497 Glendale Drive
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Josh Waldrop, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 10, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kl, Humboldt County Clerk

12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 (18-320)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00762
The following person is doing Business as
THE BIGFOOT

Humboldt
1700 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519
PO Box 2482
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**LNR Holdings
CA 201811710638
2334 Sutter Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine

not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Ray Noggle, Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 18, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 (18-335)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00768
The following person is doing Business as
SUNKISSED BOSWORTH CREEK FARMS LLC

Humboldt
36490 Alderpoint Rd
Blocksburg, CA 95514

**Sunkissed Bosworth Creek Farms LLC
CA 201828110097
36490 Alderpoint Rd
Blocksburg, CA 95514**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Penny Harris, Primary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 20, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by se, Humboldt County Clerk

12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 (18-336)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00770
The following person is doing Business as
EMERALD CARAVAN

Humboldt
4132 Soule Street
Eureka, CA 95503

**Rita R Keating
4132 Soule Street
Eureka, CA 95503
Sandra J Saldana
4056 Walnut Drive #F
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Sandra J. Saldana, Co-Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 21, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sm, Humboldt County Clerk

12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 (18-337)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 18-00763
The following person is doing Business as
BLUE SKY ROOFER

Humboldt
1716 Van Eaton Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Clear-sighted Inspections
CA Corporation C4094958
1716 Van Eaton Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Mark Friedrich, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Humboldt County on December 18, 2018
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sm, Humboldt County Clerk

12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 (18-334)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TINEKE IRIS PEDRONI CASE NO. CV181039 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
TINEKE IRIS PEDRONI

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
TINEKE IRIS PEDRONI
for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name
TINEKE IRIS PEDRONI
to Proposed Name
TINEKE IRIS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 25, 2019
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: December 5, 2018
Filed: December 5, 2018
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 (18-323)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME KENNETH WALTER CHMIEL CASE NO. CV181038 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
KENNETH WALTER CHMIEL
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
KENNETH WALTER CHMIEL
to Proposed Name
KENNETH WALTER WILSON
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: December 7, 2018
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: December 7, 2018
Filed: December 7, 2018
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10 (18-332)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME THOMAS ROBERT CREAMER JR CASE NO. CV180966 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
THOMAS ROBERT CREAMER JR
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
THOMAS ROBERT CREAMER JR
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
THOMAS ROBERT CREAMER JR
to Proposed Name
THOMAS ROBERT MACTREANOR

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show

cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 9, 2019
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 15, 2018
Filed: November 15, 2018
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27 (18-319)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME LACEY LYNN JOHNSON CASE NO. CV180999 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
LACEY LYNN JOHNSON

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
LACEY LYNN JOHNSON
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
AALIYAH HINACWU BOWMAN
to Proposed Name
AALIYAH RUBY MARIE CARTER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 23, 2019
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 27, 2018
Filed: November 27, 2018
/s/ Kelly L. Neel
Judge of the Superior Court

12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 (18-325)

**LEGALS?
442-1400 x314**

Free Will Astrology

Week of Dec. 27, 2018

By Rob Breznsky

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): I suspect that in 2019 you'll be able to blend a knack for creating more stability with an urge to explore and seek greater freedom. How might this unusual confluence be expressed in practical ways? Maybe you'll travel to reconnect with your ancestral roots. Or perhaps a faraway ally or influence will help you feel more at home in the world. It's possible you'll establish a stronger foundation, which will in turn bolster your courage and inspire you to break free of a limitation. What do you think?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): On the average, a total eclipse of the sun happens every 18 months. And how often is a total solar eclipse visible from a specific location on the planet? Typically, once every 375 years. In 2019, the magic moment will occur on July 2 for people living in Chile and Argentina. But I believe that throughout the coming year, Tauruses all over the world will experience other kinds of rare and wonderful events at a higher rate than usual. Not eclipses but rather divine interventions, mysterious miracles, catalytic epiphanies, unexpected breakthroughs and amazing graces. Expect more of the marvelous than you're accustomed to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "The world's full of people who have stopped listening to themselves," wrote mythologist Joseph Campbell. It's imperative that you NOT be one of those folks. 2019 should be the Year of Listening Deeply to Yourself. That means being on high alert for your inner inklings, your unconscious longings and the still, small voice at the heart of your destiny. If you do that, you'll discover I'm right when I say that you're smarter than you realize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Jackson Pollock is regarded as a pioneer in the technique of drip painting, which involves drizzling and splashing paint on canvases that lie on the floor. It made him famous. But the truth is, Pollock got inspired to pursue what became known as his signature style only after he saw an exhibit by the artist Janet Sobel, who was the real pioneer. I bring this to your attention because I see 2019 as a year when the Janet Sobel-like aspects of your life will get their due. Overdue appreciation will arrive. Credit you have deserved but haven't fully garnered will finally come your way. You'll be acknowledged and recognized in surprising ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As the crow flies, Wyoming is almost a thousand miles from the Pacific Ocean and more than a thousand miles from the Gulf of Mexico, which is part of the Atlantic Ocean. Now here's a surprise: in the northwest corner of Wyoming, the North Two Ocean Creek divides into two tributaries, one of which ultimately flows to the Pacific and one that reaches the Gulf. So an enterprising fish could conceivably swim from one ocean to the other via this waterway. I propose that we make North Two Ocean Creek your official metaphor for 2019. It will symbolize the turning point you'll be at in your life; it will remind you that you'll have the power to launch an epic journey in one of two directions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I have come to the conclusion that softening your relationship with perfectionism will be a key assignment in 2019. With this in mind, I offer you observations from wise people who have studied the subject. 1. "The perfect is the enemy of the good." — Voltaire 2. "Perfection is a stick with which to beat the possible." — Rebecca Solnit 3. Perfectionism is "the high-end version of fear." — Elizabeth Gilbert 4. "Nothing is less efficient than perfectionism." — Elizabeth Gilbert 4. "It's better to live your own life imperfectly than to imitate someone else's perfectly." — Elizabeth Gilbert

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In 1682, Peter Alexeyevich became co-Tsar of Russia. He was ten years old. His 24-year-old half-sister Sophia had a hole cut in the back of his side of the dual throne. That way she could sit behind him, out of sight,

and whisper guidance as he discussed political matters with allies. I'd love it if you could wangle a comparable arrangement for yourself in 2019. Are there wise confidants or mentors or helpers from whom you could draw continuous counsel? Seek them out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The body of the violin has two f-shaped holes on either side of the strings. They enable the sound that resonates inside the instrument to be projected outwardly. A thousand years ago, the earliest ancestor of the modern violin had round holes. Later they became half-moons, then c-shaped and finally evolved into the f-shape. Why the change? Scientific analysis reveals that the modern form allows more air to be pushed out from inside the instrument, thereby producing a more powerful sound. My analysis of your life in 2019 suggests it will be a time to make an upgrade from your metaphorical equivalent of the c-shaped holes to the f-shaped holes. A small shift like that will enable you to generate more power and resonance.

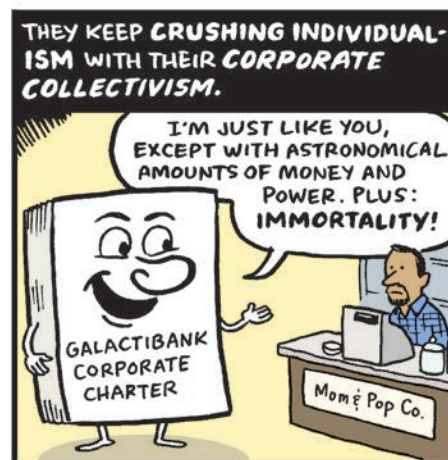
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian singer-songwriter Sia has achieved great success, garnering nine Grammy nominations and amassing a \$20 million fortune. Among the superstars for whom she has composed hit tunes are Beyoncé, Rihanna, and Flo Rida. But she has also had failures. Top recording artists like Adele and Shakira have commissioned her to write songs for them only to subsequently turn down what she created. In 2016, Sia got sweet revenge. She released an album in which she herself sang many of those rejected songs. It has sold more than two million copies. Do you, too, know what it's like to have your gifts and skills ignored or unused or rebuffed, Sagittarius? If so, the coming months will be an excellent time to express them for your own benefit, as Sia did.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A typical fluffy white cumulus cloud weighs 216,000 pounds. A dark cumulonimbus storm cloud is 106 million pounds, almost 490 times heavier. Why? Because it's filled with far more water than the white cloud. So which is better, the fluffy cumulus or the stormy cumulonimbus? Neither, of course. We might sometimes prefer the former over the latter because it doesn't darken the sky as much or cause the inconvenience of rain. But the truth is, the cumulonimbus is a blessing; a substantial source of moisture; a gift to growing things. I mention this because I suspect that for you, 2019 will have more metaphorical resemblances to the cumulonimbus than the cumulus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A hundred years ago, most astronomers thought there was just one galaxy in the universe: our Milky Way. Other models for the structure of the universe were virtually heretical. But in the 1920s, astronomer Edwin Hubble produced research that proved the existence of many more galaxies. Today the estimate is that there are at least 400 billion. I wonder what currently unimaginable possibilities will be obvious to our ancestors a hundred years from now. Likewise, I wonder what currently unforeseen truths will be fully available to you by the end of 2019. My guess: more than in any other previous year of your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Author Elizabeth Gilbert offers advice for those who long for a closer relationship with the Supreme Being: "Look for God like a man with his head on fire looks for water." I'll expand that approach so it applies to you when you're in quest of *any* crucial life-enhancing experience. If you genuinely believe that a particular adventure or relationship or transformation is key to your central purpose, it's not enough to be mildly enthusiastic about it. You really do need to seek your heart's desire in the way people with their heads on fire look for water. 2019 will be prime time for you to embody this understanding. ●

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A pterostichus beetle uncovered when I overturned a rock.
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Small, Slow-moving Targets

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Rainy day locals

Head's up: It's tick season again. It seems they like damp weather. My archives show photos of them primarily in April to May and December to January. In the last week, I've pulled one off a dog and one off a friend who had one on her arm. Even if you haven't been outdoors where they wait in the weeds, they can hitch rides on pets that do. You can read more about them in my April 12, 2015, post "Ticks."

Being cold-blooded, most insects spend the winter months dormant as eggs, larvae or pupae, awaiting longer days and warmer weather. Still, some adults persist secluded under rocks like some locally common ground beetles of the genus *Pterostichus*. This family of beetles is highly predatory, consuming all manner of small invertebrates.

On a recent night walk, I noted quite a few Pacific sideband snails (*Monadenia fidelis*), the largest native land snails in our area, attaining a width of 2 inches across the widest part of their shells. This species uses "love darts" in their mating process, injecting their partners with a mucus that helps keep sperm alive.

However, I have seen one of our local glow worms attack a full-sized example of this species after a slow motion battle that took about 10 minutes — the snail clotheslined the glow worm and got away, leaving the attacker mired in a gooey sticky bubble bath.

Macro madness

From time to time, someone asks how I got this or that shot and what gear I used. Like most technical people, I suffer from gadgetitis and have an array of cameras and accessories for various tasks.

The more or less formal dividing line for "true macro" is a 1:1 magnification, meaning that a 1-centimeter object will project to a 1-centimeter portion of the image receptor.

After a lot of research prior to buying my first interchangeable lens camera and knowing I'd be shooting mostly insects, I chose Canon because it was the only company with its MPE 65 mm 1-5X lens. It can't be used for anything else. It can take a photo of an individual eyelash but the end of your nose would fill the entire frame. No family portraits unless they're really small.

One challenge of macro photography is the extremely shallow depth of field (DOF). The part of the image that is actually in sharp focus is very thin. In the last few years, focus stacking technology changed all that. The photographer takes a series of photos focusing at different levels along the subject, then, using a stacking program, combines them to yield a single frame, all in focus. This can be almost impossibly tedious but recently computer-controlled rails have taken over the painstaking job of advancing the camera as little as 2 microns at a time. Needless to say, the subject must not move from one frame to the next so the models are seldom living creatures.

Visiting my nephew at his Oregon farm, he told me that I'd missed seeing hordes of little dung beetles consuming nearly all the droppings from his cattle in a very brief time. I never did see any alive but managed to find a few dead specimens, the perfect subjects for the Canon lens, StackRail and Helicon Focus software. ●

Read more of Anthony Westkamper's HumBug on Sundays at www.northcoastjournal.com.

CROSSWORD by David Levinson Wilk

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

- ACROSS
1. "Glad the week's almost over!"
5. Up to one's neck (in)
10. Evian competitor
14. "What _____ thinking?!"
15. When clocks are set back for the end of daylight saving time
16. Gulf state
17. Oscar nominee for "Lawrence of Arabia"
19. Commercial prefix meaning "convenient to use"
20. Uranians and Neptunians
21. Like Beethoven's Symphony No. 6
22. Pre-calc course
23. "Anyhoo," e.g.
26. A kid might get one on Halloween night
28. Mouse catcher
29. Stay-at-home _____ (some parents)
30. The Trojans of the NCAA
31. Hockey great Bobby
32. Stay-at-home _____ (some parents)
33. "Relax, soldier!"
36. Nest egg named for a Delaware senator
38. One-named singer whose real first name is Robyn
39. Robert Louis Stevenson title character
40. Man buns and the Mannequin Challenge, e.g.
41. One way to stand
42. Some gas stations
43. Wolf riders in "The Lord of the Rings"
44. Popular gaming console that sounds like two pronouns
45. Table game in a rec room
48. Young seal
49. Dip _____ in
50. Employ
51. "You _____ me one"
52. Twelve
53. Reason to wear a hat ... as exemplified by this puzzle's groups of circled letters
58. Nickname for John Wayne, with "the"
59. Aimée of "La Dolce Vita"
60. Where icicles may hang
61. War vet's affliction, for short
62. Things called in roll call
63. [Just like ... that!]
- DOWN
1. Value of snake eyes in craps
2. Group of whales
3. "This _____ test"
4. Arouse
5. Sounds of satisfaction
6. Org. for Venus and
7. Courtyards
8. Some playground equipment
9. Labor leader played by Jack Nicholson in a 1992 biopic
10. Body of water between Denmark and Scotland
11. 1972 #1 hit that starts "A long, long time ago"
12. "Feel me?"
13. Near, poetically
18. Sault _____ Marie, Michigan
23. Hurricane, e.g.
24. 404 Not Found, e.g.
25. Before him, "it was inconceivable for a country artist to go multi-platinum," according to allmusic.com
26. Cream _____
27. _____ Chris Steak House
29. Stud finder?
32. Kid's reply to a taunt
33. Lends a hand
34. Slowpoke
35. Enjoy to the max
37. Like state-of-the-art or up-to-date, e.g.
38. Ribald
40. "_____ is never given; it is won": A. Philip Randolph
43. Figure skater Baiul
44. "_____ the love?"
45. Classic 1961 John Updike story set in a grocery store
46. Words after duke or hug
47. Mark of "Shark Tank"
48. 1910s conflict: Abbr.
51. Symbols of might
54. Shade
55. Dapper fellow
56. DuVernay who directed "A Wrinkle in Time"
57. "Indeedy"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO FILM

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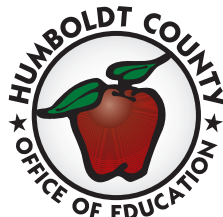
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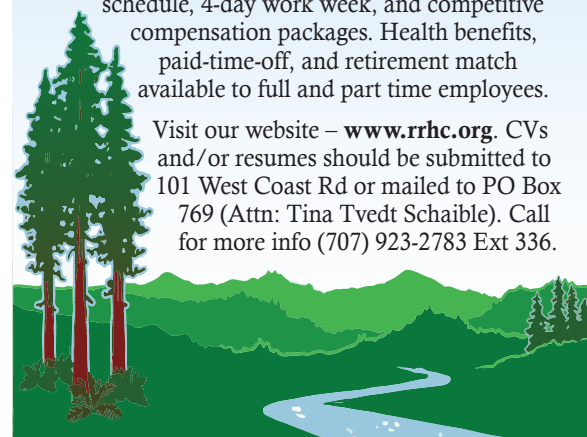
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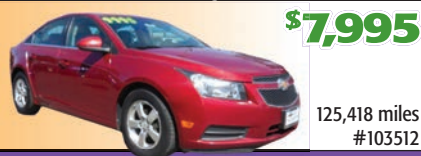
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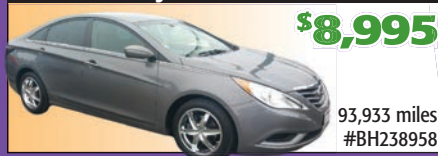
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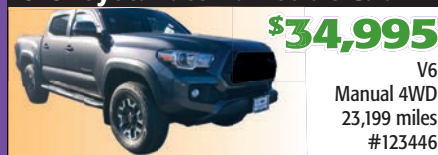
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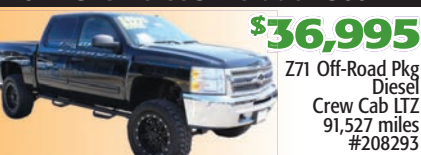
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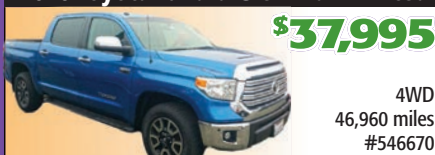
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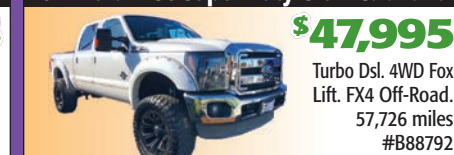
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